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History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate, 1649-60. By S. R. Gardiner.—Vol. I. 1649-51. (Longmans & Co.)

It is impossible to open this volume without feelings of reverence for its author and for feelings of reverence for its author and for the unflinching determination which is earrying him through a self-imposed and lifelong task. What of toil and self-abnegation that task has meant is known only to him who undertook it and still

doggedly pursues it.

With the present volume Mr. Gardiner opens the third period of his history—a period the importance of which has been only too completely forgotten. The difficallies of the problem which lay before the founders of the Commonwealth after the execution of Charles I., the force of event and accident which went to the moulding and the unmoulding of a looked - for republican form of government, the ever vexed question of the motives and bias of the leaders of the revolution, and the reflex action of the whole period on our later history—the key of all these problems lies in these intervening years 1649-51, and Mr. Gardiner solves them with imperturbable diligence. It is not by perfervid pleading, not by mere generalization, that the tangle of motives and events can be unravelled, but only by minute and chronological treatment; and this is Mr. Gardiner's method. Let those be enthusiastic and superficial who tread the path he has made easy for them.

Much, if not all, of the interest of this period centres round Cromwell. Few leaders of a revolution have ever shown themselves less farseeing or more conservative. As late as March, 1647, he had submitted to the Parliament, though convinced that it was leading the country to destruction. Again, in October he clung to the authority of the king, though equally convinced that no tolerable settlement could be expected from that quarter either. When, towards the end of November, he acknowledged his mistake, it was with searchings of heart for his own past self-seeking and pride, not for his blunder. But although Cromwell had decided that Charles could never again be trusted

with the government of the country, he had not made up his mind to bring the king to trial. As a practical man, he was more concerned with providing a govern-ment for the country than with the discussion of theoretical systems; and while the Commonwealth men argued against monarchy and proclaimed it a duty to call Charles to account for bloodshed, Cromwell was negotiating for a reconciliation of parties on the basis of an acknowledgment of the Prince of Wales as king in his father's stead. And when the danger of war with the Scots became imminent, this plan was only superseded in his mind by one for making the Duke of York king. It was nothing but the force of circumstance which dislodged Cromwell from this temporizing position, but when driven from it, he was prompter in following the sole alternative course left than any of his contemporaries. He supported the vote of "no addresses" in February, 1648, with all his might, and six months later dashed the Scots' force to pieces at Preston. So, again, when the period of indecision following this encounter was once more terminated by Charles's duplicity, Cromwell's mind gradually, but only gradually, drifted to a conclusion on the great question of the trial of the king. The actual process of convic-tion, which, it must be remembered, did not take possession of his mind till months after a determined party had fixed on the demand for the king's execution, can be even traced. He "was glad," to use his own words, of Pride's Purge. Yet even as late as December 25th Cromwell pleaded for the king's life, and made a last futile attempt to come to terms with the king. That last effort failed, as the preceding attempts of Cromwell had done, and for the same reason. On January 6th following (1649) the Bill for the High Court of Justice was passed by Parliament, and on the 30th Charles's head fell on the block. In all this there is no sign of premeditation; it is only constantly indicative of that quick, instinctive grasp of the immediate situation and that energy of purpose which Cromwell alone among his contemporaries possessed in large measure, and the demonstration of this lies simply in Mr. Gardiner's detailed chronological statement.

With the execution of Charles, the negative work of the army and Cromwell was at an end, and the positive work of construction lay before them. It is to the explanation of the difficulties of this task and to the measures taken that Mr. Gardiner now addresses himself. On February 5th the House of Lords was abolished, and two days later the office of king was declared unnecessary and dangerous. A Council of State was created to supply the place of an executive. Its life was limited to one year unless otherwise ordered by Parliament, whose determination to by Parliament, whose determination to prevent the growth of anything like personal authority was sufficiently marked by its refusal to allow the title of Lord President to the president of the Council. The ordinary course of justice was provided for, and the leaders of the State had apparently a moment's breathing space to look around them. Had England been at peace and undivided, could they have evolved a stable republican govern-

ment and perpetuated it? It is more than doubtful, but it is also beside the question, for such conditions of the problem did not exist. It was not given to them to lay down the sword and take up the trowel; and the march of events, which had hitherto made constantly for them, now made as steadily against them. The danger from Ireland grew rapidly threatening. Early in the year, a few days before Charles's execution, Ormond had signed a treaty at Kilkenny with the confederate Catholics. By the end of May he was apparently sweeping everything before him, and in June he sat down to besiege Dublin. A month later Monk surrendered at Dundalk. and the Parliament practically possessed only two fortified posts, Dublin and Londonderry. Meanwhile Charles II. was flitting between Holland and St. Germains, preparing through a mass of treaty and intrigue to land in Ireland and make it the basis of operations against England. On this plan fell Cromwell's sword, and the danger was dispelled like mist. In the middle of August he landed at Dublin. His bloody storming of Drogheda and Wexford, the surrender of Kilkenny and Clonmel, closed the military episode. In May, 1650, when he left Ireland, her conquest was merely a matter of time, and he turned to face the Commonwealth's remaining external danger. In that month, three weeks before Cromwell quitted Ireland, Charles II. had signed the draft agreement with the Scotch which is commonly known as the treaty of Breda, and on June 2nd he sailed for Scot-land. The day before Cromwell had been welcomed back by his troops on Hounslow Heath, and on the 28th of the same month he, too, set out for the North. The force with which the Scotch prepared to place Charles on the English throne reached at one time 26,000 men. When the day of battle came it still numbered 23,000, while Cromwell had only 11,000—less than half. And, besides, for a time the Scottish leader fairly outgeneralled Cromwell, who seems hardly to have grasped either then or later the imminence of the danger which was upon him. Had the issue of Dunbar been other than it was, the course of English history would have been different for many a long year. Mr. Gardiner's judgment is as follows :-

"Dunbar ranks with Naseby as one of the two decisive battles of Cromwell's career. As Naseby rendered for ever impossible the rerestablishment of purely personal government in England, Dunbar struck down the Solemn League and Covenant and rendered it for ever impossible that Scotland should attempt to impose upon England a form of ecclesiastical or political government against the will of Englishmen. Nor was Dunbar less decisive on the domestic affairs of Scotland herself. Never again would the stricter Covenanters grasp the reins of government and mould armies at their pleasure. Their impracticable zeal, their in-tolerance of contradiction would still produce martyrs, in some of whom it is hard to draw the line between the criminal and the hero, but they could no more produce men who claimed to be statesmen and generals. The sword of Cromwell at Dunbar was wielded on behalf of two nations, and as is often the case, his transcendent service was requited with the gratitude

So much for the external dangers of the infant Commonwealth. In so hasty a résumé

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it is impossible to give an adequate idea of the internal force tending to its disruption. In matter of sentiment the nation was against the new Government. At one pole the Royalist element was utterly irreconcilable. "I wonder much," Bradshaw is reported to have said on one occasion,

"that with all the fair or foul means we can use, yet not any one Cavalier is heartily converted to us."

Vane, of all men, was even more despond-

"They were in a far worse estate than ever yet they had been: all the world was or would be their enemies, their own army and general were not to be trusted, the whole kingdom would rise and cut their throats upon the first occasion," &c.

At the other pole was the equally irreconcilable band of Republican idealists, represented in action by Ludlow and Harrison, and in print, and very much in evidence so, by Lilburne. The armed force which had fought for law against a tyrant should, in Lilburne's opinion, at once give way to the sovereign people whose cause it championed, and thus make room for democratic government on a broad foundation. "If we must have a king," he wrote,

"I for my part would rather have the Prince than any man in the world because of his large pretence of right, which if he come not in by conquest by the hands of foreigners, but by the hands of Englishmen by contract upon the principles aforesaid [i.e., the principles of the 'Agreement of the People'], which is easy to be done, the people will easily see that presently thereupon they will enjoy this transcendent benefit, he being at peace with foreign nations and having no regal pretended competitor, viz., the immediate disbanding of all armies, garrisons, and fleets, and so those three grand plagues of the people will cease, viz., free quarter, taxations, and excise; by means of which the people may once again really say they enjoy something they in good earnest can call their own; whereas for the present army to set up the pretended Saint Oliver or any other as their elected king there will be nothing thereby from the beginning of the chapter to the end thereof but wars and the absolute keeping up of a perpetual and everlasting army under which the people are absolute and perfect slaves."

"It was impossible," says Mr. Gardiner, "to treat the man who could write these words as a vulgar brawler," and his con-temporaries perceived it. Lilburne's trial for high treason against the Commonwealth, obscured as his own defence of an easily defensible position had been by technicality and subterfuge, ended in his acquittal, and the verdict was received in the crowded hall with a loud and unanimous shout of triumph, which continued for half an hour. It was such forces as these that made a military despotism essential to the very existence of the Commonwealth, and thus provided for its final extinction and for the return of the Stuarts; and it is in these circumstances, minutely grasped and verified and arranged in order by Mr. Gardiner, that lies the key to the vexed question of Cromwell's ambition. To speak of it is to make a mystery where no mystery need be, and it is Mr. Gardiner's transcendent merit to have blotted out by his masterly narra-

tive the last possibility of dispute.

To turn from these broader and higher topics, there is many an episode in the

period treated of in this volume which will rivet the reader. We do not know that Mr. Gardiner's views on the government of Ireland have ever, save incidentally as here, been made public. But it is a subject on which even he can take fire, calm as is generally his historic view. To the manifesto of the Irish prelates against the common enemy (the English army), Cromwell had replied that they broke the union, were guilty of the massacre, and destroyed the beginnings of prosperity for Ireland,

"who boast of peace-making and of union against the common enemy. Is not my assertion true? Is God—will God be with you? I am confident He will not."

"As a contribution to Irish history," says Mr. Gardiner,

"nothing could be more ludicrously beside the mark than these burning words. The idyllic picture of Irishmen and Englishmen living together in peace till wicked priests stirred up the sleeping passions of the Irish has no foundation in the domain of fact. Cromwell knows nothing of the mingled chicanery and violence which made the Ulster Plantation hateful in the eyes of every Irishman. He knows nothing of lands filched away, of the injustice of legal tribunals by which judgments were delivered in an alien speech in accordance with an alien law, of the bitterness caused by the proscription of a religion clung to all the more fondly because it was not the religion of the English oppressor."

It is with equal fervour and as deep a pathos that Mr. Gardiner tells the story of the last campaign of Montrose—of the shameful tangle of intrigue through which with no middle flight he flew to ruin, deserted by a master who was to him an ideal, and whom he served with a chivalry all too romantic. "The thoughts of posterity," in Mr. Gardiner's words,

"are with the captive, not with the captor. Montrose's sword had at last been shattered in his hand. The cause of the ideal monarchy, for which he had stepped into the lists, had been too heavily weighted by the very unideal monarch who was seeking to re-establish himself in power and comfort by sacrificing every principle for which Montrose was exposing his life. The hero's work as an active restorer of a system of government which the progress of events had rendered for ever impossible was now at an end. His work as a sufferer was beginning. The simplicity of aim which marred his career as a factor in the complex web of political life gave inspiration to his martyrdom, and appealed to hearts which beat, not for wise arrangement of the affairs of the world, but for nobility of character coupled with absolute forgetfulness of self. A hero had passed to his rest. For him it was better that a veil should be cast over the future of his beloved country and of his idolised sovereign. A few more weeks of life would have revealed to him a Charles who was neither great, good, nor just, veiling his honour before a Covenanting crew, and seeking to gain his ends by walking in the crooked paths of

On a calm reperusal of Mr. Gardiner's volume, two points, possibly of importance, emerge. The first is the desirability of a minute examination of the financial difficulties of the first two years of the Commonwealth. The period was one of commercial depression, due to a currency movement of which it is at this distance of time almost impossible to estimate the bearing and extent. It was none the less strongly marked. But with regard to the

financial straits of Government merely, i.e., as distinguished from this wider commercial question, there is room for special and inde-pendent investigation. The resources of the Commonwealth included, besides the ordinary means of revenue, the fines upon delinquents' compositions, and the sales of church lands and the estates of the Crown, The first may be estimated from Mrs. Green's calendar of the Committee for Compounding. On the latter there is no preparatory work as yet available. The accounts of the sale of episcopal lands and of lands of the Deans and Chapters seem to have perished, with the single exception of a partial account preserved in one of the Harleian MSS. But it would appear from the various acts and ordinances up to 1656. that a sum of something like two millions sterling was derived from this source. How this sum was distributed over the period it is, however, hardly possible to say. regard to the sales of the king's lands, the student is in the other difficulty of suffering from an overabundance of riches. Among the Augmentation Books at the Record Office there are no fewer than sixteen folio volumes of accounts relating to these sales, and, so far as we know, they have never been worked by any antiquarian or printing society, while the Royalist Composition Papers are almost daily referred to. It is greatly to be desired that some society should turn its attention to this material with the object of giving it to the world and dressing it for the historian.

The second point is the almost complete subordination of the religious to the political and civil interest in the narrative of this volume. This was, perhaps, inevitably the case, for the work thereby gains in unity of design, and there certainly is a point (? 1649) at which the contentions of the would-be State Presbyterianism sink into the background, leaving it thenceforth possible to separate the religious and civil phenomena of the epoch for distinct treatment. This is, however, a matter of historical attitude pure and simple, and to be decided entirely by the historian's own conception of his task. Mr. Gardiner is unswerving in his fidelity to his task as he has conceived it, and we pause again in admiration of the unrelaxing purpose, the clear-sighted method, and the triumphant execution. Could we but assure him a following worthy his lead, and a school worthy of his mastership, not to say a personal tribute worthy himself!

Two Summers in Guyenne: a Chronicle of the Wayside and the Waterside. By Edward Harrison Barker. (Bentley & Son.)

The Deserts of Southern France: an Introduction to the Limestone and Chalk Plateaux of Ancient Aquitaine. By S. Baring-Gould. 2 vols. (Methuen & Co.)

Mr. Barker's new monograph on rural France is a great improvement on its predecessor, highly as we were able to praise his last volume. The chief criticism we applied to 'Wanderings by Southern Waters' was the tendency of the author to lapse into historical excursus to the neglect of his present-day surroundings. The most successful modern writers of itinerant narrative, such as George Borrow,

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Kinglake, and Théophile Gautier, though the lands they described teemed with historical reminiscence, rarely left their travelstained note-books for the library shelf to illustrate their pages with names and dates that had not obviously occurred to them on the march. Undoubtedly knowledge of the history of the land a traveller passes through increases a hundredfold the pleasure of his wayfaring, and if he be steeped in it before setting out, or if he studies on the spot local chronicles, his passing allusions to the dramas that have been played among the scenes he visits will add a charm to his narrative. On the other hand, passages manifestly borrowed, useful as they often are when printed as foot-note or appendix, incorporated in the text destroy the symmetry of the author's pages if he have any pretension to style, tempting the reader to skip and to regard the book as a compilation only worth an hour's idle skimming.

In 'Two Summers in Guyenne' Mr. Barker has with signal success achieved the task of writing in excellent literary form a record of travel through a little-known region whither, without any perceptible effort, he transports his readers, making the scenery pass before their eyes and the accents of the country folk ring in their ears. If he pause by the way to contemplate some relic of the past, whether Henry Planta-genet's "Palace" at Martel or the remains of Cœsar's military works at Puy d'Issolu, the historical reference is brief and vivid, as befits the recital of a practical pedestrian who knows that the sun will not wait for him above the horizon if he wastes the daylight in haranguing ancient monuments with extracts from popular encyclopædias. Only once does Mr. Barker commit the fault we indicated in reviewing his last work. Twothirds of his description of the battle of Castillon might well have been relegated to an appendix, but as it comes at the close of the volume it does not interrupt his own attractive narrative. Castillon no doubt was one of the most important battles in which British arms were ever engaged, and the venerable figure of Talbot is less familiar to his countrymen than many far inferior heroes of the closing years of the Middle Ages; but the question arises, Is geographical history prior to the Renaissance of living interest excepting to specialists? The English occupation of Guyenne and Aquitaine from the time of the Angevin kings ought of course to move the hearts of every Briton, but if we were enthusiastic about the places associated with the mediæval connexion of England and France there is many a spot more accessible than the valley of the Dor-dogne that our tourists would not neglect. Crecy is a more famous battle-field than Castillon, yet we venture to say that of the crowds of English travellers who daily are conveyed to Paris by the Northern Railway, not one in a million ever breaks the journey at Abbeville to drive the dozen miles that separate that ancient town from the scene of the fight of which every child in the nursery knows some of the leading incidents.

The value of Mr. Barker's work is that he gives a picture of rural France a hundred years after the Revolution, displaying how little political changes and scientific inventions during the present century have affected the physiognomy of the country

and the habits of the people. His method of progression is well known: all his journeys are performed on foot, excepting when he makes an excursion on a river not usually accounted navigable. His travels recorded in his new volume commence at a place known to valetudinarians, La Bourboule in the Puy de Dôme; but from the moment of leaving it to his arrival at Bordeaux at the close of his second year's wanderings, he never approaches the tourist track, and very frequently finds his quarters in villages so remote and rustic that even the ubiquitous commercial traveller has never been seen in them. He follows the Dordogne from its source in Auvergne, through the Limousin and Périgord, almost all the way to its junction with the Garonne, exploring its tributaries the Dronne, the Isle, and the Vezère, to find whose names on the map would puzzle most Frenchmen, notwithstanding their marvels of pic-turesque beauty. Each year, during the great heat, he installs himself for a month or two by the side of one of his rivers, making long expeditions from his temporary home:

"It was in the full flame of noon on a hot June day that we arrived at the headquarters I had chosen for my second summer in Périgord. It was a little château, of which I was to occupy a wing, on the banks of the Isle, twenty miles below Périgueux, a castellated manor-house dating from the times when even the residences of the small nobility were fortified.....I can see the extinguisher roofs of the small towers through openings in the foliage. I can see the garden with its old dove-oot like a low round tower, its scattered aviaries, its rambling vines that climb the laden fruit trees, its firs, magnolias, its clewing towates and melons.

its glowing tomatoes and melons.....
"One June morning, soon after sunrise, twenty-seven mowers came to the château to cut the grass in the great meadow lying between the river under the cliffs and the moat. Each mower brought with him his scythe, an implement of husbandry which in France is in no danger of being classed with agricultural curiosities of the past. Some of the mowers were men of sixty, others were youths of eighteen: all were contented at the prospect of earning nothing, but of being treated with high good cheer. They were themselves all land-owners or sons of landowners. Had wages been given, two francs for the day would have been considered very high pay, and the food would have been very rough. No turkeys would have had their throats cut; no coffee and rum would have been served round. In short this haymaking day was treated as an annual festival.At ten o'clock the big bell that hangs outside the château is rung, and the mowers troop into the great kitchen, which has changed little for centuries. The pots and pans hanging against the walls and the pieces of bacon from the beams have been renewed, but not much else. There is the same floor paved with stones, now cracked and worn in hollows, the same broad chimney with hanging chain: and the long table and benches, though their age is uncertain, were fashioned upon the model of others that preceded them. Richard Cour de Lion, when campaigning in Guyenne, may have sat down many a time to such a table as this, and to just such a meal, with the exception of the coffee and the rum.....In the evening, when all the grass is cut, there is another and a greater feast. Then all the household is assembled in the great kitchen, including the châtelaine, and the young men are called upon to sing..... Although they all speak patois among themselves, they are reluctant to sing the songs of Périgord in the presence of strangers. At length they are persuaded to sing in chorus a Reaper's song composed long ago by a Péri-

gourdin poet, perhaps a jongleur or a troubadour, the notes so arranged as to imitate the rhythmic movements of the reaper, first the drawing back of the right arm, then the stroke of the sickle and the laying down of the cut corn. There is something of sadness as well as of joy in the cadences of the simple song, and it moves the heart, for now the old men join in it.....On the morrow a couple of oxen drew a creaking waggon into the field, and when the angelus sounded from the church tower in the evening, the haymaking was over."

The life of the peasantry in South-Western France is not all feasting and merrymaking. At Beynac, a castellated village on the Dordogne.

"Suzette might have been any age between fifty and seventy. I showed her a photograph I had taken of her, and she put her hard old hands together and actually wept. She could not speak much French, but said as well as she could she did not know she had grown so ugly. I have noticed that my photographs have a tendency to draw tears or angry expressions from those on whom I operate.....She had had a rough life, but was content with what Providence considered enough for her. This was now a two-roomed cottage, a bunch of grapes or a pear to eat with her bread in the fruit season, a few walnuts to go with it in autumn or winter.....She was a widow now, but though, when she spoke of her husband, the tears started from her eyes, she had less care and pain as a lonely woman than when she was bearing children and working harder than any pack mule. Her husband was a fisherman, and sold his fish at Sarlat, eight miles distant. In order to be early at the market, she had to start at two in the morning, and the road, which was uphill, ran between woods where the wolves, descending from the vaster forests of Black Périgord, often howled in winter. It frequently happened that when she reached the market her arms and hands were so benumbed with the cold that she could not take the basket of fish from her head.She accepted thankfully the ten francs a month which her son allowed her, and managed to live by fetching and carrying for any one who would give her two or three sous for an hour's trudging."

These quotations give only a small idea of the pleasant variety of Mr. Barker's pages. He seems to have taken a hint we gave him in reviewing his 'Southern Waters.' and in some interesting passages has utilized his unusual opportunities for studying the social and economic life of the people he is thrown among, whose laborious lives constitute the strength of the French nation. In his next work we hope he will be less sparing in the details he supplies of the condition and way of life of the people. He is such a lover of nature that he is tempted to dwell too much on the purely picturesque, but as nature is unchanging his book would possess a greater value for students if he would indicate more clearly the relations of the French peasantry with the outside world in these closing years of the nineteenth century. For example, he tells us of a curé who, so poor that he could not afford a sacristan, had to ring his church bell himself. It would have been interesting to know what the priests in this region get as "casuel" from their parishioners in addition to their pittance from the State. Again, during the summer of 1893 a general election took place in France; none of the contests was particularly important in the district he was residing in, yet it is a pity that Mr. Barker has omitted to describe the electoral campaign and polling day, if only

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to call attention to the political indifference of the rural voters under the Third Re-

public.

Of Mr. Baring-Gould's volumes there is little to be said, except that they contain a vast amount of ill-arranged information and constitute a rather flagrant example of book-making. They cover the ground dealt with in Mr. Barker's last two works, and Mr. Baring-Gould seems to have visited the country; but of the twenty-four chapters there is certainly not material enough drawn from Mr. Baring-Gould's own observations and experiences in the region to form two. The Causses of Languedoc have been done to death these last ten years, but there is no great objection to lengthy quotations from the writings of French explorers of those portions of the "Deserts of Southern France"; nor do we complain of hearing again the deplorable story of the notorious "re-storation" of the Cathedral of Périgueux as told in the protests of French archæologists, although it has nothing to do with the "Limestone and Chalk Plateaux." If Mr. Baring-Gould felt bound to make a book about a region and was too lazy or too busy to construct it of his own material, he could have thus made a serviceable compilation out of the labours of native authorities. But what we condemn is his giving a local title to volumes and then filling them with palpable relics of old commonplace books which range over the entire universe. For example, in South Central France megalithic monuments exist, though not so conspicuously as in other regions such as the Morbihan, and all that Mr. Baring-Gould can find to say about them fills less than four pages. But these few lines are introduced into a chapter of forty pages, entitled "The Dolmen Builders, roaming over the face of the world, and, in the words of the advertisement of the book, "lavishly illustrated" with pictures of Central Asia, of Dartmoor, and of "Death-boards" in Bohemia. Moreover, whole chapters are devoted to historical dissertations which the author acknow-ledges to have taken from English works accessible to everybody. Because Joachim Murat was born in the Lot, the reader is not only treated to a school biography of the King of Naples, but a pedigree is added of his descendants and collaterals, which is of no earthly interest to anybody excepting to people moving in Parisian society who are acquainted with the Murat family.

Mr. Barker says that he has resided in France for fifteen years and has in that period written three books. In that interval Mr. Baring-Gould must have produced at least thirty-twenty of them are advertised in the volumes before usbut had he been content to publish even twice as rapidly as the author of 'Summers in Guyenne,' he would have probably fulfilled the remarkable promise of some of his earlier works, and by this time have made for himself a great and lasting name in English literature. The versatile genius and learning of Macaulay himself could not have done justice to half the subjects which Mr.

Baring-Gould boasts of attempting.

Charterhouse Old and New. Eardley-Wilmot and E. C. Streatfeild. (Nimmo.)

It is scarcely a couple of years since "An Old Colleger's" racy account of Eton between 1811 and 1822 afforded genuine pleasure to the lovers of that royal and religious foundation. His book contained, if we mistake not, a slight supplementary sketch, by another hand, of the school in its modern condition, but its real merit lay in the reminiscences of its veteran author. In the volume before us, the title of which is 'Charterhouse Old and New,' the same features are apparent. By far the larger (and better) section of the work is from the pen of Mr. Eardley-Wilmot, the eighty pages furnished by his coadjutor possessing but little literary value. Mr. Eardley - Wilmot's recollections do not, indeed, go back to such a remote period as those of the "Old Colleger," but they are very similar in their freshness and vivacity. He has succeeded, in short, in re-creating for his readers, with numerous vivid touches, the life of the boyish tenants of the venerable buildings in Charterhouse Square, before they exchanged their cramped and smoky quarters for the breezy heights of Godalming. Both phases of the school's existence, we may add, are well illustrated by four original etchings contributed by Mr. D. Y. Cameron.

In his earlier chapters the author deals somewhat discursively with the historical associations of the site before it was occupied by Richard Sutton's School and "Hospital." Nor is there any need to follow him minutely through his description of the vicissitudes of the building. The intention of Sutton was to provide "an house or place of biding for the finding, sustentation, and relief of poor, aged, maimed, needy, or impotent people, and also one free school for the instructing, teaching, maintenance, and education of poor children or scholars. The pensioners were to be "such as had been servants in the household of the king, either decrepit or old, captains either at sea or land, soldiers maimed or impotent, decayed merchants, men fallen into decay through shipwreck, casualty of fire, or such evil accident"; while as regards the educational side of the institution it was stipulated that "no children shall be placed in the school whose parents have any estate in land to leave them, but only the children of poor men that want means to bring them up." Some forty-six years after its establishment, we get a glimpse of the building in the diary of John Evelyn, under the date of April 21st, 1657: "I also visited the Charterhouse, formerly belonging to the Carthusians, now an old, neate, fresh, solitarie Colledge for decaied gentlemen. It has a grove, bowling-greene, garden, chapel, and a halle where they eat in common." Of the scholars, it will be observed, Evelyn says nothing. It is possible that they may have been away for a holiday when he made his call. Mr. Eardley Wilmot surmises that the place was abandoned in the year of the Plague, and possibly not reoccupied until after the extinction of the Great Fire in 1666. Some definite information on this head might surely have been gleaned from the records of the foundation, for an order

chronicled in 1636 empowering the authorities to dismiss the scholars during a visitation of the Plague. As is well known, the Westminster School Plague-house, or country retreat for such occasions, was situated on the Mall at Chiswick, facing the river, where it stood till recent years, the home of the famous Chiswick Press; but the Carthusian scholars seem to have been sent to their homes at the expense of the hospital.

The author supplies a capital description of the school and its playground, shut in by huge houses, with an undue proportion of gravel to grass, and "Cimmerian darkness" in the shape of a London fog descending thereon at times and making it necessary to use two large candles as goal-posts! His account of football, as played in the cloisters, is decidedly clever, the game being, as he says, quite unique in character and affording unbounded opportunities for pluck and skill. Cricket suffered from the want of light and the inferiority of the "pitches" to such an extent that in Mr. Eardley-Wilmot's opinion it was a wonder that Charterhouse bred any efficient cricketers, as she undoubtedly did in the persons of F. G. Inge, C. E. Boyle, and C. E. B. Nepean. Turning to more intellectual subjects, it is evident that the Carthusian had ampler time at his disposal for reading than the average schoolboy of to-day, whose life is mapped out with a dreary and soulless regularity fatal to self-

"It was wonderful the amount of miscellaneous reading one got through during one's sojourn at Charterhouse. I myself retain an agreeable recollection of having become intimately acquainted with most of the principal poets and essayists in English literature, besides poets and essayists in English literature, besides having devoured all the Waverley Novels, all Fenimore Cooper's novels, most of Bulwer Lytton's, Charles Dickens's, Charles Lever's, Captain Marryat's, Thackeray's, Whyte Melville's, James Grant's, Charles Kingsley's, George Eliot's, and a host of heterogeneous authors, male and female, ancient and modern."

The education imparted in school was of the old-fashioned sort. It produced a sound and elegant scholarship, of which Prof. Jebb and the late Prof. Nettleship may be regarded as the most brilliant exponents in later times. "Mathematics," says Mr. Eardley-Wilmot, "were a subject for which few Carthusians showed any great aptitude." "English History and Literature," he goes on,

"were well taught, finding many admirers. Science was in its infancy. An elementary education in chemistry did duty for this. Philosophy was at a discount. The names of Kant, Bain, Whately, and John Stuart Mill would have struck dismay into our juvenile hearts. German was beginning to be imparted to the higher grades of the School; but it was a language which received so little favour that it appeared like a flower struggling with difficulty above the soil. The French masters were un-deniably efficient."

Of Isaac Barrow, Addison, Steele, Thackeray, Havelock, Grote, and other Carthusian worthies, a readable and sufficient account is given, while the genial "Master," that ripe scholar Canon Elwyn, and the old "Codds," as the boys called the pensioners, receive due and kindly mention. Perhaps the most distinguished of recent "Codds" was the late Mr.

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Maddison Morton, whose 'Box and Cox' has earned him an undying fame :-

"It was a pleasant sight to see them on warm sunny days playing at bowls in one of the inner grassy quadrangles: some entering con amore into the contest, others basking on benches and keenly criticising the game."

Thackeray, the Carthusian par excellence, was a not infrequent visitor, when in London, to his beloved "Grey-Friars." One of such occasions is thus picturesquely recorded by the writer :-

by the writer:—
"I remember Thackeray once paying an afternoon visit to Charterhouse, and merrily entertaining a posse of fags with his conversation, as he stood with his back to the wall, near the door of Gownboy Hall. Suddenly he dived his hands into both pockets, and pulling out pieces of money, scattered them right and left amongst the boys. Somehow or other I had a reard fit upon me and stood along from the proud fit upon me, and stood aloof from the proud nt upon me, and stood aloof from the scrambling. A silver coin from Thackeray, then at the height of his literary fame, would have been worth keeping as a perpetual memento; but the boys who picked up the money, scarcely looked so far ahead. The pieces were most likely liquidated at Tolfree's on the succeeding half-holiday."

The second part of the book, as we have already hinted, is commonplace and disappointing. Mr. Streatfeild writes of the school at Godalming somewhat with the air of a house agent showing an intending purchaser over a "new and commodious villa residence," and complacently pointing out the completeness of its internal and external arrangements, and vast superiority in all respects to the old-fashioned manor house that formerly stood in its place. If separately published as a guide-book to "Charterhouse and its Environs," these later chapters might, we should think, command a brisk sale at Godalming station. But standing where they do, with their faults of taste and tedious athleticism, they constitute an awkward excrescence upon a singularly charming volume.

The Portuguese in India. By F. C. Danvers. 2 vols. (Allen & Co.)

THE history of Portuguese rule in India covers a space of about four hundred years, but its most brilliant episodes occurred in the earlier part of this period; for since the beginning of the seventeenth century the annals consist of little besides a series of futile efforts to retain those Eastern possessions which the energy and enterprise of Portugal's soldiers and sailors had originally won for her. Mr. Danvers remarks—with undue mildness, in our opinion—of the cause of this decline that (1) the position of the Portuguese in the East never had in it the elements of permanent empire; and (2) the loss of their possessions was due to a com-bination of circumstances over which they as a nation could exercise but little control. The second of these reasons is, however, not quite consistent with the first, and a closer analysis enables one to diagnose the causes with a little more precision. The Portuguese were under obligation, imposed by the famous Bull of Alexander VI., to propagate the Catholic religion in all their new conquests, and the violence with which this proselytism was carried on by the ecclesiastics naturally raised up the strongest opposition among the natives,

while the greedy misappropriation of the public wealth for the support of priests and monks led to the starving of the factories and military establishments. A direct cause of the downfall was no doubt the absorption by Philip II. of Spain of the revenues from India in furtherance of his designs on the Low Countries; but as the Portuguese viceroys had been in the habit all along of crushing all trade by oppressive import and export duties, Spain can hardly be held responsible for a result which she may have precipitated, but which was mainly traceable to gross mismanagement by the lesser power in nearly every department of its administration.

The main fault that will strike the readers of Mr. Danvers's book is the absence of any sense of perspective in dealing with the mass of historic details he has accumulated. The personages and incidents are all crowded into his pages, but there is no grouping round a central point of interest, and the reader wearies as he turns from one personage to another, unable to grasp their bearing in regard to the composition as a whole. This may be due partly to the failure to trace in bold outlines the growth, climax, and decadence of the Portuguese power, and partly to the total absence of references indicating the source of information, a serious draw back in a history. There is, indeed, a brief bibliography in the introduction, but as a good deal of the work appears to be based on new material derived from public archives in Portugal, the author should at least have distinguished the new data from the old. We believe, however, we shall not be doing him an injustice in saying that his work does not contain any new facts of importance, but is rather a compilation of consecutive events as narrated in various scattered books and documents. In the collation of these Mr. Danvers has shown considerable industry, but his lack of power of arrangement has led to a good deal of

unnecessary repetition.

The qualities of Affonso de Albuquerque

are thus summed up :-

"Affonso de Albuquerque richly merited the title of 'Great.' He was a brave soldier and able administrator, and possessed the rare merit of perfect disinterestedness in all his actions and motives. He was strictly loyal to his country and to his King, and pursued one consistent line of policy throughout the period when he was Governor of India. His strength of character is shown by the persistent manner in which he overcame all obstructions and opposition to his schemes for developing the power of Portugal in India and acquiring a monopoly of the Eastern trade. He never required any one to embark on dangerous enterprises that he would not himself have undertaken, but, on the contrary, set an example to his officers of indomitable courage by placing himself, as a rule, in the places of greatest danger. He was deeply religious, and had much at heart a desire for converting the heathens and spreading the Christian religion; he was also evidently to some extent superstitious. He seems thoroughly to have appreciated the character of the Asiatic people and the importance when dealing with them of observing great pomp and ceremony. His worst feature was his fierceness and relentless treatment of his enemies, the Moors. He burnt and destroyed those places which refused to submit themselves to his authority, and in many cases mutilated and destroyed the inhabitants without mercy."

Mr. Danvers goes on to trace a parallel

between Alexander the Great and Albuquerque in regard to their cruel mode of warfare, "the furious manner in which they carried out their attacks," and the policy pursued by both of them in leaving conquered kings to rule as tributaries or vassals, and in pacifying newly annexed countries by encouraging the European soldiery to intermarry with native women. That there were points of similarity in both characters is undoubted, in the same way as there are rivers in Macedon and in Monmouth; but the two stood on far different planes of greatness, and it scarcely needs a glance at the forbidding features of the Portuguese, looking with his grey beard and in his stiff court dress for all the world like a Grand Inquisitor, to realize the contrast between him and the heroic Macedonian youth who was loved as well as followed to the ends of the known earth by his soldiery.

The ascendency of the Portuguese in the East reached its apogee in 1571, when the territory occupied by them extended from Africa to China and in consequence of its extent was divided into one viceroyalty and two governorships. No doubt the reader would have liked a map to illustrate this period of the fortunes of the Portuguese which would have enabled him to see exactly what points they occupied in the heyday of their power. There are various curious and interesting sketches and plans scattered throughout these two volumes, but no good general map. But no sooner had the Portuguese dominion attained this apex of greatness than the decline set in. Disasters befell the arms of Portugal in Africa, Malacca, India, and Ceylon, and hostilities with the English and Dutch also ensued. A few years later,

"the Jesuits and other religious orders had obtained a very considerable ascendency in India, and exercised their powers in a way to cause the greatest possible embarrassment to the Government. The Jesuits had by some means obtained ment. The desires had by some means obtained a general charge over the works at the several fortresses of the north, and they positively declined to render any account of the expenditure incurred upon them, so that it became necessary to constitute a special committee for the purpose, to whom was entrusted the charge of the money to whom was entrusted the charge of the money and who were required to render regular ac-counts for the same. The influence of the Jesuits over the people generally appears also to have been very considerable, and that they exercised it very much to their own personal benefit, since in 1635 it was found necessary to issue orders prohibiting them or other religious orders promoting them or other re-ligious orders to receive legacies or to purchase land without permission, 'because when the religious orders are rich the vassals are poor.' Orders were also sent out from Portugal that unless the Jesuits desisted from interfering with the fisheries the care of the Christians in India would be handed over to some other religious bodies. The monks were flourishing in wealth while the Government were in absolute need of funds wherewith to pay their soldiers. To such a state of destitution was the army reduced by this cause that many of them went to the religious houses for food and became monks."

In the wars that ensued, Caliture, Colombo, Manar, Jafanapatam, Quilon, and Cochin were successively surrendered to the Dutch; and the grant of Bombay to the English soon after marked the first step in a still more eventful transfer of power. Hostilities followed between the Portuguese and the Mahrattas, and in the latter half of the last century, when the British dominion was

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making rapid strides, the decay of the Portuguese capital was deplorable. Its commerce was on the decline, the receipts of the Royal Treasury became far less than the expenses, and the inhabitants were in poverty and misery. Yet Dr. Claudius Buchanan, who wrote in 1808, remarked that at that time the magnificence of the churches in Goa far exceeded the idea he had formed of them from the descriptions given by travellers. Goa, he said, is, properly speaking, the city of churches, and the wealth of all its provinces appears to have been spent in their erection. "These specimens of ancient architecture," Dr. Buchanan added,

"are unrivalled in taste as well as in grandeur by any that can be witnessed in these days in any part of the East. They present a striking contrast to the gloom and misery that surround

At the present day Goa forms, together with Damaun and Diu, the sole remaining possession of the Portuguese nation in India. They have neither political nor They have neither political nor commercial importance to boast of, and are mute, inglorious monuments of an age which produced some of the most famous pioneers of discovery and colonization that history has known.

NEW NOVELS.

Matthew Austin. By W. F. Norris. 3 vols.

(Methuen & Co.) THIS novel is quite in Mr. Norris's best manner. The story saunters on in a pleasant, unexciting manner, and at the same time presents sufficient interest to sustain the attention for the really admirably drawn characters with which the book abounds. Mr. Norris studiously avoids the modern habit of giving "lightning-like flashes" of observation, but elaborates his personalities with a care and thoroughness which have their reward in the completeness of the portraits exhibited; and this book shows his art at its best. Mr. Frere, the warm-hearted and gouty old squire, his deaf and amiable partner, Mrs. Jennings, the local gossip, and Mr. Litton, the cynical and clear-sighted misanthrope, are all excellent; excellent too is the contrast between the weak-minded and flashy Leonard Jerome, who is successful and despicable, and the thorough-paced ne'er-do-well, Spencer Frere, who wins some sympathy even in his utter debasement. But the most successful characters in the book are Lilian-who seems at first as if she was simply the heartless coquette that Mr. Norris has done before, but is most skilfully shown to be little worse than an impetuous woman-and Anne, the characteristically English girl, who is lovable all through in spite of her almost brutal shyness. The hero, Matthew Austin, is the least attractive person, really: he is an excellent fellow and a paragon of unselfishness, but his constant self-efface-ment seems hardly human and becomes annoying at last; one feels that he would have been improved by a little more devil in him. The consequence is that he seems rather an abstraction than a human being.

Sibylla. By Sir H. Cunningham, K.C.I.E. 2 vols. (Macmillan & Co.)

A NOVEL from the pen that gave us 'The Chronicles of Dustypore' is peculiarly wel-

come at this time of the year, and above all in the present state of contemporary fiction. For Sir Henry Cunningham possesses the enviable faculty of diffusing sunshine, and though there is less sparkle in 'Sibylla' than in his earlier works, the flame of his shrewd yet kindly wit burns with a mellower glow than ever throughout this wholesome and wholly charming romance of politics and society. Charles Montcalm is not altogether a sympathetic hero, though there is something heroic about his reticence and his chivalrous devotion to the honour of his family; but in Sibylla Sir Henry Cunningham has drawn a heroine so winning, so loyal, so magnanimous, and withal so natural, as to inspire the agreeable conviction that she must exist somewhere in real life. Finally, the pleasure to be derived from this graceful story of estrangement and reunion is greatly enhanced by the purity and elegance of the author's style. Without being old-fashioned, Sir Henry writes like a scholar and a gentleman, shuns all conscientious attempts to reproduce the clipped colloquialisms of fashionable society, and, even if he does idealize the dialogue of his dramatis personæ in regard to finish of phrase and dignity of diction, is at least never dull or insipid. The political setting of the story, so to speak, is adroitly and cleverly managed, and the relations between Sibylla and Amersham are handled with notable delicacy and sympathy.

Candiduccia. By the Marchesa Theodoli. 2 vols. (Kegan Paul & Co.)

While it is certainly refreshing to come across a novel on the old lines of courtship and matrimony, with intervening hindrances obviously raised only in order that they may be removed, it is a pity that the Marchesa Theodoli has not more aptitude as a story-teller, even on those lines. It is all very well to live among people and note their ways, gestures, and talk, and to record these more or less faithfully; but that does not make a novel, even when these details and a touch of contemporary history are strung on to a rustic love story. There is no real development either of events or of characters-merely, as we have implied, a chapter or two, not over "convincing," of life in an Italian country town. Nor does the author possess the salt of style which alone can redeem this kind of thing from insipidity. We do not know what her nationality may be, but the book often reads like a rather bald translation from Italian. Such a phrase as "the pellucid lenses of her almond-shaped eyes" is quite characteristic of the hopelessly prosaic style of expression which the modern French and Italian writer has reached. It is curious, too, to observe how, even in this very simple tale, the modern "note" of pessimism contrives to assert itself. The hero has seduced one girl, becomes engaged to another (the heroine), and allows himself, under the influence of pique and jealousy, to be pushed by an ambitious father almost into an engagement with a third. He is vain, flighty, stupid, and not very good-tempered. Indeed, the one merit claimed for him, besides physical beauty, is that he has never stabbed any one. Yet he is treated throughout as deserving the reader's sym-

pathy and the heroine's faithful love; and when, through the unselfish conduct of the girl whom he has treated perhaps worst of the three, he obtains the wife that he desires, while the discarded mistress commits suicide, there is not a hint given that he has got anything but his deserts. After perusing this book the reader is tempted to think that Ouida's estimate of the Central Italian peasantry is not so wrong after all,

A Racing Rubber. By Hawley Smart. 2 vols. (White & Co.)

This bright little story, on the concluding pages of which Capt. Hawley Smart "was actually engaged at the time of his sudden and unlooked-for death," will have the interest which always attaches to the last words addressed to the public by a successful and popular writer. To these epithets Capt. Smart had justly earned his title; for though he would probably have been the last to lay claim to high merit of a literary kind, in the very special line of sporting fiction he held an honoured place. As his widow modestly claims in her judicious preface, "he wrote of what he knew"; how high and rare a praise this is will be realized by those who have to review novels. This latest work, we can honestly say, shows no falling off in the deft interweaving of technical racing knowledge with that of sporting humanity, of honourable men and healthy maidens, as well as of the darker characters whom wellmeaning but ignorant detractors conceive to be the only products of the racing world.

An Agitator. By Clementina Black. (Bliss, Sands & Foster.)

To write a novel is evidently nowadays the most convenient way of giving utterance to one's opinions on all subjects. 'An Agitator' is naturally occupied entirely with the labour question, or rather (since that heading "surprises by himself" issues too vast even for the contemporary novelist to embody in one short story) certain aspects of the struggle between employers and employed. As a novelist Miss Black cannot be altogether congratulated on her latest performance; as a clear-headed and sensible thinker on the problems she discusses, she earns respect both here and elsewhere from those who admire moderation and balance of judgment. Although an attractive-looking little volume in brilliant yellow covers raises certain expectations of light literature in a frivolous-minded reader, these are destined to complete disappointment. A chill foreboding creeps over him on reading the announcement which Miss Black has thought it necessary to prefix to her work, to the effect that her pages are free from all suspicion of portraiture from real life. But when a hero is so unconscionably dull as Kit Brand, and when he and his friends indulge in dreary speechmaking at great length, and take themselves and one another with portentous seriousness from beginning to end, it is of extremely little consequence whether they do or do not represent real personages. For they are not entertaining company, and their solid virtues sit heavily on the reader's soul.

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The Accountant. By F. H. Mel. (Remington

Mr. Mel's hero is a cheery little accountant who has a good deal to do with the involved affairs of the twin orphan daughters of a wealthy doctor. The doctor's memory had failed him in certain particulars before his death, and the accountant has much ado to set everything straight again. He is alternately shrewd and maudlin; at one moment he cowers when insulted, and at another he snubs and confutes a tall young solicitor who has paid extra for refinement at Eton and Oxford. But in the end he overcomes every difficulty, himself included; and if one of the orphans treats him like dirt, the one other sees a diamond in the rough, and knows how to appreciate it. A story so well intended, so calculated to prove that honest little men can do great things in life, however much they may be shouldered, crowded, and hustled by those who are bigger and more showy, need not be severely criticized.

Une Culotte. By Tivoli. (Digby, Long & Co.)

THE "impossible tale of modern Oxford" for which Tivoli is responsible proves to be a variant on a theme rendered familiar by one of the most popular plays of the day. Two young ladies, one of whom is heartbroken because she finds her lover is "a man with a past," don male attire in the interests of sociological research, and enter the university as undergraduates. The story is inordinately spun out, and the best that can be said of it is that situations inevitably risky are treated, on the whole, with commendable delicacy.

Amours de Vieux. Par Hector Malot. (Paris, Flammarion.)

When we lately noticed 'Amours de Jeune' we said that a second part was to appear at once, and that M. Hector Malot would write no more. The present volume increases our regret that this should be so, and we cannot but hope that his resolution may break down, and that, even if he does not continue to produce so rapidly as heretofore, he may sometimes give us one of his plea-sant successors to 'La Belle Madame Donis' and 'Clotilde Martory.' The book before us shows the rich man, who in the first part had driven away his son on account of his relations with a music-hall singer, now himself the slave of an adventuress. Incidentally we have a lively picture of a modern French election, which is more like to that in 'Pickwick' than to a modern election in this country. Any candidate in the British Empire who indulged in personal bribars of the second of the sec bribery on the scale suggested by M. Malot would find himself outside Parliament for life, and any candidate in the United Kingdom who so behaved would find himself in one of Her Majesty's gaols for many years.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

Few Christmas books will be more to the taste of the ingenuous boy than In the Heart of the Rockies, by Mr. G. A. Henty (Blackie & Son). He is careful to date his story some eight or nine years previous to the Government survey under Major Powell, and his Indian episodes might, therefore, possibly be historical. Leaping

Horse and Hunting Dog, as "friendly" natives, are all the fancy has painted them under the in-fluence of Fenimore Cooper; and Straight Harry and his mates, including the necessary boy hero Tom Wade, combine a maximum of daring and inventiveness with a minimum of debased vernacular. Mr. Henty bids fair to "break the record" with the number, at least, of his "historical" tales for the rising generation. A foreleaf to When London Burned (same publishers) contains a list of thirty; there are, unless we are mistaken, yet others; and the number of them is not yet completed. Happily the quality of Mr. Henty's work, if it does not improve, at any rate does not fall off; and this study of Restoration days and the Great Fire is at least as good as its predecessors. Mr. Finnemore contributes some pictures, which have the distinction (almost unique to-day) of being credible illustrations of the text.—A Plunge into the Sahara, by Mr. G. Demage (Sampson Low & Co.), reads like a translation. The illustrations by Mr. P. Crampel are very French, and, it may be added, very The French Soudan is an unfamiliar amusing. The French Soudan is an unfamiliar field for English boys, and they will extract much entertainment and some knowledge from their inexhaustibly good-humoured companion.
—In The Reef of Gold (Arnold) Mr. Maurice H. Hervey supplies an account of travels in the Antipodes and South America, and especially of the discovery of a golden reef of sandstone formation on a small outlying island of the Louisiade group. He deprecates criticism of the possibility of such a find based on the general experience that the precious metal lies in quartz. In fact, the author is a trifle didactic, as becomes an ex-headmaster.—Shipwrecked on their voyage to Valparaiso, Jack Brook, on their voyage to Valparaiso, Jack Brook, whose very long legs adorn the frontispiece, and his chum Mickey O'Brien, the "brass-bound reefer," are carried on to Sydney, and The Yellow God, which gives title to Mr. Reginald Horsley's book (Chambers), is found in the gold diggings. These are in their virgin fertility, and the twain the state of the state o make their fortunes after adventures of a bloody character with bushrangers. A comic black fellow and a Yankee skipper's wife provide some of the fun, which is not of an overpower-ing character. The tailpieces seem to be clichés of forgotten blocks.—Mr. Manville Fenn's Diamond Dyke (same publishers) is honest journey-work by an old hand at story-telling. That is to work by an out hand a soly-tending. That is to say, it is not particularly good, yet good enough. With the help of a young hero of healthy sporting instincts and not less healthy nature, a lion or two, ostriches, niggers, a quaint, kindly old farmer, and the more or less stirring events that are supposed by romancers to make up life in the Veldt, he has compacted an interesting yarn that boys will read with pleasure, if only because they will thus be made acquainted with a certain dog named Duke. In a sense, indeed, Duke is as much the hero of the story as his master.

Sou'-Wester and Sword, by Mr. Hugh St. Leger (Blackie & Son), is as racy a tale of life at sea and war adventure as we have met with for some time. There is no attempt at fine writing; it is from first to last a plain-sailing, straightforward narrative, alive with incident and character, and stamped with a veracity that suggests actual experience by the author of the things he describes. There is a capital mutiny, and of course there is a shipwreck, also a firstrate storm or two, and plenty of good fun and good fighting; altogether it seems the sort of book that boys will revel in.—The literary measure of Stirring Tales of Colonial Adventure, by Skipp Borlase (Warne & Co.), may be taken from the titles 'The Black Bloodhound' and 'Lured to their Doom.' But if any doubt remains after such gleanings from the table of contents, it must be banished by none other than the first sentence, which is: "A vast sun of apparently molten brass gleams down from out a sky of seeming burnished steel, upon a plain as yellow as the stubble of a fresh reaped wheatfield,

and which is dotted here and there with clumps of gum-trees, whose trunks and boughs are wellnigh white as ivory, whilst their quivering foliage is almost sage green." Well (to adapt another choice utterance at p. 113), we might "draw out" Skipp Borlase's literary misfortunes as exhibited in this book "until we filled a volume, but space and time alike forbid." Suffice it to say that this is not a book for boys, or, for that matter, any other sort of reader,— In Young Travellers' Tales (Blackie & Son) Mr. Ascott R. Hope has essayed, with a rashness seldom found in a veteran bookmaker, to combine light amusement with useful information. Of course the blending of instruction with amusement has been attempted many a time; but it cannot honestly be said that Mr. Hope has made any better job of a dubious task than his predecessors and rivals.—Boris the Bearhunter (Nelson & Sons), by Mr. F. Wishaw, combines a great amount of sylvan adventure, in which Boris, a colossal young moujik from Archangel, plays a dominant part, with a serious attempt to popularize the history of his patron and comrade, Peter the Great. The writer, who has evidently strong Russian sympathies, succeeds in investing with much interest that strange mixture of impulsiveness and caution, of civilized aspirations and barbarous intervals of coarse revelry or bloodthirsty vengeance, which made up the character of the founder of modern Russia.— Mr. E. D. Fawcett seems to aspire to the mantle of Jules Verne, and it is no small credit to him that he clothes with some verisimilitude his startling conception of a party of English travellers and their Italian friends being entombed some four hundred feet below the surface of the earth, and after many adventures and discoveries being shot up again to the level of the sea on the west coast of Calabria. The composition of the party in Swallowed by an Earth-quake (Arnold) lends itself to this semi-scientific minuteness and earnestness of relation, for among the adventurers are an eminent Italian among the adventurers are an eminent Italian geologist and an English expert upon earthquakes, who are able to supply the adventurers with ready comments on all the wonders they encounter.—Mr. Avery's volume of short stories for boys, The School's Honour (Sunday School Union), is quite up to date in the modern varieties of football and tennis, and possesses the higher quality of an excellent spirit. Such tales as 'A Parallel Case' and 'The Man who could Lose' should appeal to the best feelings of honest schoolboys. to the best feelings of honest schoolboys.

Mr. Church produces this Christmas The Fall of Athens (Seeley & Co.), a fiction dealing with Greek history during the decade B.C. 407-397. It would seem that the author began the book with some intention of developing a plot and a love story, but changed his mind at p. 105. At any rate, there is no plot worth naming, but, upon various pretexts, the reader is introduced to Theramenes, Alcibiades, Socrates, Kenophon, and other real persons. The hero of the story is one Callicles, an Athenian youth and a disciple of Socrates. He brings to Athens the news of the battle of Arginuse, visits Alcibiades at Bisanthe, goes with him to Gordium, thence to Athens just before its capture, next to Smyrna, from Smyrna to Syracuse, where he sees Dionysius, then to Tarsus to join the expedition of Cyrus, and so forth, the rest of the book being taken from Xenophon's 'Anabasis' and Plato's 'Phædo' in Mr. Church's well-known manner. We have had better works from the same hand, but gift-books, like gift-horses, are not to be rigorously criticized. Stories from English History (same author and publishers) is certainly an attractive little book, and ought to form a valuable addition to children's historical literature. It deals only with the first fourteen centuries, and is divided into three sections, entitled 'Under the Romans,' 'In Saxon Times,' and 'Under the Norman Kings and their Successors.' The first part is told in the form of a dialogue between a British boy and his grand-

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father, who remembers the stirring times of Boadicea and has heard the history of earlier ages from his forbears. The story of King Arthur, on which Mr. Church has his doubts, is put in the mouth of a minstrel, and by this means the difficulty of separating fact from romance is avoided. The introduction of Chrisromance is avoided. The introduction of Christianity into Britain is very picturesquely told. The second section ends with the battle of Hastings. The third takes us to the battle of Poictiers, and includes the history of Thomas a Becket and of the Crusades. The illustrations, which are borrowed from Montfaucon and Strutt, are for the most part interesting.

MILITARY AND NAVAL LITERATURE.

An Unrecorded Chapter of the Indian Mutiny, by Reginald G. Wilberforce (Murray), is an interesting addition to the literature of that event. The author was a subaltern in the 52nd, and joined the regiment at Umballa, whence they marched to Sialkot in February, The news of the Mutiny reached them on May 10th, and towards the end of the month Brigadier Neville Chamberlain at Wazirabad.
That distinguished officer, having been appointed Adjutant-General to the army before Delhi, was succeeded by John Nicholson, one of the strongest personalities amongst the band of men who ruled the Punjab after its annexation :-

"He was of a commanding presence, some six feet two inches in height, with a long black beard, dark grey eyes with black pupils (under excitement of any sort these pupils would dilate like a tiger's), a colourless face, over which no smile ever passed, laconic of speech."

His portrait has a likeness to Tsar Nicholas I of Russia, and both men inspired others with awe and devotion. Both were worshipped dur-ing life, and the Nikalseni fakirs continued adoration after Nicholson's death. This little volume is dedicated to his memory, and is welcome for the glimpses it affords of the great man whose striking career has not as yet been adequately described. One cannot cease regretting that Herbert Edwardes, his intimate friend, never took that task in hand, for then, indeed, it would have been worthily performed. In this attractive volume the type is large and distinct, the illustrations are good, and the binding is appropriate.

Letters from Camp to his Relatives during the Siege of Sebastopol. By C. F. Campbell, late Lieut.-Col. 46th Regiment. (Bentley & Son.) —Col. Campbell seems from his letters to have been a singularly fine specimen of the British officer. A sportsman, yet a thoughtful student of the art of war, courageous, modest, and sympathetic, his outspoken letters, written without a suspicion of publication, are interesting and useful additions to the story of the Orimean campaign; but it is a pity that Mr. R. B. Mansfield, the editor of the book, did not make himself acquainted with the outlines of the history of the campaign. If he had, he would have learnt that the heavy cavalry brigade engaged at Balaclava was not composed only of the "Scots Greys and Inniskillen Dragoons." In the first place, Inniskilling should have been written for "Inniskillen." In the second place, the 4th and 5th killing should have been written for "Innis-killen." In the second place, the 4th and 5th Dragoon Guards, and the Royals, have hitherto been under the impression that they took a somewhat active part in the celebrated charge. Colin Campbell's letters are frank, and evince a desire to be accurate and just. The accounts he gives of the sufferings of our men are painful to peruse even now, and the reader's indignation is excited when he finds that many of their hardis excited when he finds that many of their hardships might have been prevented by a little energy and foresight. Had there been good means of communication with Balaclava, provisions and winter clothing could have been issued to a fairly satisfactory extent. Colin Campbell, when recovering from illness, visited

Sinope, and so had means of finding out what the resources of Turkey in Asia were. He says on the subject of transport :

"Yet, with the whole coast of Asia Minor teeming with ponies and barley, within forty-eight hours' sail of us, and such vessels as the Jason and Simla (which could bring over three hundred at each trip) lying in the harbour of Balaolava, it is scarcely credible that not one single animal was bought."

We are rather fond of employing navvies whenever there is a railway to be constructed at the seat of war. That expedient, however, did not answer at Suakin, and to judge from the following extract it was not particularly successful in the Crimea. It is a question whether we could not organize a railway battalion. The writer of the letters under review observes :-

"The navvies that have been sent out are as great a set of blackguards as ever were brought together. I am told by those who came out with them that their behaviour on board ship was disgraceful. The fear of the Provost-Marshal keeps them in tolerable order here. The officers, who are accustomed to see our soldiers work, think they work wonderfully, but their own superiors say they are very lazy.

One excuse made for the absence of warm clothone excuse made for the absence of warm clothing was that the Prince, which contained a large quantity of it, was totally lost in the storm of November, 1854. Colin Campbell went out in her, and therefore speaks with authority when

"There was no clothing for us in the Prince, nor indeed was there any clothing fit for a winter in this country in the vessel. What was lost was a quantity of fiannel jerseys and great coats such as the men wear at home. There were no waterproofs, fur coats, or long boots such as we have had lately." As regards the discomfort and sufferings of the trenches, the officers shared these with their

the trenches, the officers shared these with their men, but the officer had, as Colin Campbell points out, the advantage of being able to purchase warm clothing and good food. For this he cannot be blamed, for the better his health the greater his efficiency. Colin Campbell enjoyed singularly good opportunities of observing the attack on the Redan, as he was in command of a working party of 200 men posted in the quarries, who as soon as the Union Jack was hoisted on the parapet of the Redan were to go forward and intrench the interior. Leaving his men in the quarries. Leaving his men in the quarries, Campbell went forward-first to the advanced trench and afterwards up to the abattis—to look for the signal. The 97th and the 90th from the advanced trench gallantly dashed across the space of nearly 200 yards which

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across the space of nearly 200 yards which separated them from the Redan:—

"In the Redan there were no more than 200 Russians ready to receive them, and even these were seized with a panic. Nevertheless the mass of our men, instead of going boldy into the Redan, remained clinging to the outside of the parapet and shooting over at the Russians, who ensconced themselves in shell holes and behind a small entrenchment. Brigadier-General Wyndham with about 100 men entered the Redan, and after remaining there about ten minutes under a pretty sharp fire had to retire on account of the Russian reinforcements arriving. I cannot account for the behaviour of the men in not following their officers......but the plain truth is that from the time they reached the parapet they showed the most arrant cowardice......The officers as usual behaved as well as possible. I saw many of them—mere boys just from school, who had not been a month in the Crimea—standing on the parapet and endeavouring to get their men on in the most gallant manner......I must say that the arrangements of General Codrington (who commanded) were most excellent, and that the coolness and gallantry of Brigadier-General Wyndham could not be surpassed......I rushed up to shake hands with him, and ask him for some account of the proceedings. He put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'My dear Campbell, look here, this is the greatest disgrace that has ever fallen on the British soldier. I could have forgiven them if they had been beaten out, but they would not go in. These may be the last words I shall ever say to you, but I declare they are true. The men would not follow the officers; all the dash seems to have gone out of them."

In a subsequent letter Campbell expresses the opinion that we have always held ourselves, that General Codrington

"did not bring up his supports quickly enough, and that bringing them up through the zigzag trenches instead of dashing across the open was a great mis-take. The French would certainly have lost the Mamelon on June 8, if Pelissier had not sent up his reserves across the open."

The writer of the letters expresses himself severely at times about the lethargy in making approaches, the disposition of our batteries, and the direction of our fire, blaming the engineer and artillery officers for these shortcomings, and and artiflery officers for these shortcomings, and as he was an acting engineer himself for several months, he probably knew what he was writing about. Without going into details, and referring to only one matter, it certainly does seem that the fire of the allies was too much distributed. Possibly had the besiegers belonged to a single army the attack would have been better directed.

MESSRS. A. CONSTABLE & Co. publish a reprint of Mr. Spenser Wilkinson's recent articles in the Pall Mall, under the title The Command of the When we reviewed 'The Great Alternative' by the same writer, we welcomed that book, but said that it was not all that we hoped to receive in the way of guidance from his pen. We went so far as to suggest the lines of a work which we thought him the most competent of writers to attempt. His present book is able and convincing, but it is not yet the book which we hope to receive from him, chiefly because it is too brief and popular for our purpose; still Mr. Wilkinson does, even in the present short compass, discuss and help to solve many of the most pressing questions with regard to the future of the British Empire. In late years the naval school has had many triumphs, and Admiral Colomb's slight differences of detail with Mr. Spenser Wilkinson, which have filled the columns of the *Times*, must not blind us to the fact that Admiral Colomb finds in Mr. Wilkinson his best convert—the one who is the most able to popularize the views of the naval school, and who has, indeed, already done the most in that direction.

In Our Next War, issued by Messrs. Blades, East & Blades, Mr. Dawson furnishes a valuable account of war premiums paid at Lloyd's from 1805 to 1816, and advises an increase of the 1805 to 1816, and advises an increase of the fleet, and preparation for war in time of peace: both excellent things. But we doubt if the smallest war premium will not suffice in a serious war to transfer the whole of our shipping trade to the United States, whatever precautions we may take. Mr. Dawson in several passages assumes that we shall have the telegraph in time of war. Most of our international lines pass through countries in which they will be tampered with, such as Portugal and Persia, and the remainder will be "picked up" and cut, probably just before the outbreak of hostilities.

CAPT. DONOVAN publishes, through Messrs. Henry & Co., With Wilson in Matabeleland, a book partly of sport and partly of fighting, and anticipated in its latter portions by a narrative anticipated in its latter portions by a narrative of the war which we have already noticed. The volume possesses no great merit, but it contains one passage which will excite attention. The author's party paid a visit to Mr. Rhodes in the month of May before the war, and Mr. Rhodes said to them: "We are on terms of the greatest friendship with all the chiefs around; but by friendship with all the chiefs around; the time you will be coming through Matabelland, most probably about September or October, I should not like to answer for your safe passage through that country." Regarded in the light of later events, this advice seems distinctly pro-

COMMANDANT WEIL continues his monumental work on the campaign of 1814 based on the documents of the Vienna archives, and the third volume of it now appears in French at the library of Baudoin, the military publisher of Paris. It continues the account of the movement of the cavalry of the allied armies, and takes us from February 27th, 1814, up to the

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end of the day of March 24th—the critical moment at which, although panic was general in the allied ranks, the Emperor of Russia had decided on marching straight on Paris.

TRANSLATIONS FROM THE RUSSIAN.

A Common Story: a Novel. By Ivan Gontcharoff. Translated from the Russian by Constance Garnett. (Heinemann.)—It is a pleasure
to see an English translation of the first, but
not the greatest, novel of Ivan Gontcharoff,
which originally appeared in the Contemporary
(Sovremennik) in 1847. The hero of 'A Common
Story' ('Obiknovennaya Istoria') is Adouev
— to follow the spelling adopted by the
translator. He is a typical Russian of the oldfashioned times. Having been pampered in his
youth, he afterwards undergoes a series of disenchantments. He begins with excellent, if
somewhat vague intentions of improving the
whole human race, and finally settles down to
the every-day duties of his life on his estate,
where, although he passes a humdrum existence,
he is able to be really useful. The translation
of Mrs. Garnett, as far as we have examined it,
serupulously faithful, as are also her transliterations of the names. "Piotr" and "Alexandr" are perhaps almost too close, and may
serve to perplex the reader. Mr. Gosse in his
preface supplies the details of our author's life;
owing to his materials being drawn from various
sources, there is a wonderful display of inconsistent spellings. And why will people introduce
a "w" into Russian words, when such a letter
does not exist in the language? Moreover,
Pushkin was not assassinated, as Mr. Gosse
seems to think (p. vi), but shot in a duel by a
man who afterwards became a senator of France
under the Empire. It is to be hoped that Mrs.
Garnett will follow up her translation of this
elever novel by that of 'The Oblomovs,' the
masterpiece of our author, who forms one of
the pleiad which contains Gogol, Tourguénief,
Dostoievski, and Tolstoi.

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In her translation of Tourguénief's House of Gentlefolk (Heinemann), Mrs. Garnett gives another version of the well-known novel which the late Mr. Ralston made popular in this country. On this occasion, however, we have a more literal rendering of the original title. It is certainly a most charming love-story, and there is much to be said for those who consider it the author's masterpiece. Of Lisa it might, indeed, be said:—

Shakspeare no nobler woman drew.

Such a production as this places Tourguénief at the head of Russian novelists. Mrs. Garnett has performed her task excellently; she is both literal and spirited. We have taken several passages as tests, not forgetting, of course, that immortal scene in which Lavretski broods in the once familiar garden over his vanished happiness, seeing before him

The set gray life and apathetic end.

It is, indeed, a page of appalling realism. Stepniak gives us a preface of a tendenziös character, in which he makes almost everything in the book have a cryptic political signification. But perhaps we shall enjoy Tourguénief's tale much more if we look upon it merely as a work of art which is beautiful and precious in itself, dealing with life as it is found everywhere, and not standing in need of these factitious scholia.

In two dainty little volumes, What Men live by; What shall it Profit a Man? and The Two Pilgrims; If you neglect the Fire you don't put it out, Mr. Walter Scott has issued in an English dress four of the little tracts published by Tolstoi, which are so familiar in Russia with their profusely illustrated covers. The name of the translator is not given; but the versions are accurate, and we are occasionally furnished with useful notes. Perhaps, however, in 'The Two Pilgrims,' the English reader will not be much edified by

having a specimen given him of Malo-Russian (p. 20), which, by the way, is a good deal more than a dialect. In many of these little tales Tolstoi has put some of his very noblest work; thus no reflections could be more soul-stirring than some of those in 'What Men live by.' The evangelical spirit, in its truest sense, which breathes through them, is intensified by its being in contact with the simple, homely habits and ways of thinking of rustic men. It is thus that Tolstoi becomes so Biblical, if we may use the expression. He thoroughly understands the Russian peasant. It is only sad to think that we shall have no more of these sketches, now that the distinguished writer regards all works of imagination with contempt. We hope that these little books, presented in the most captivating of forms, will have the circulation among Englishmen which they deserve.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Mr. J. J. Hissey's account of a driving tour, entitled Through Ten English Counties (Bentley & Son), is one of the most ingenuous books we remember ever to have come across. He was surprised to find that Keble had lived at Hursley. The room called the powder chamber in old houses was to him a revelation. "The Fountain" struck him as being an uncommon sign for a public-house. He even writes with a certain amount of mystery about "a mixture of ale and gingerbeer," commonly called shandygaff. It suggests to him a thrilling anecdote about an American who remarked, "I guess I 've such a thirst on me that I would not take five dollars for." In short, we see no particular reason why Mr. Hissey's discoveries and reflections should ever have come to an end. As he profoundly remarks, "One lives and learns." Withal his pages do evoke reminiscences of villages, churchyards, pine forests, and corners of old country towns which are not without their charm. His humour is not obtrusive, and he refrains from wire-drawn imitations of Mark Twain and others. But we should have preferred more woodcuts and less text.

Mr. Moens, of the Hampshire County Council, has published, through Mr. Charles King, of Lymington, an address by himself, under the title A Popular Guide to the Parish Councils Act. The greater portion of it is useful and accurate; and the attack by the author on the Act for its intricacy, and his demonstration that the Act will lead to unnecessary trouble, litigation, and consequent expense, are justified. He, however, widens this attack into a general attack on the expense of improved local government, pointing out that town rates have increased in some instances by the adoption of urban local boards or that of municipal corpo-It is not fair to make this charge rations. It is not fair to make this charge without bringing into account the new services for which these bodies provide; and the adoption of urban powers has generally been by the decision of the people of the district with the facts clearly before them, and with an opposition of the people of the district with the facts clearly before them, and with an opposition of the people of the people of the district when the people of the sition making the greatest possible use of the fact that there would be an increase of rates through resort to a new mode of government. The people have deliberately chosen improved government with increased cost in many such cases; and there is nothing more to be said. The author also attacks the present Act and the Government who proposed the Bill for the costliness of the allotments provisions, and he praises the former Conservative administration for their legislation on this subject. It is also not fair to take this course without remembering that a cheap plan was proposed by the Govern-ment, to which Lord Salisbury objected in the House of Lords-doubtless for weighty reasons. The choice is between a cheap but rough-andready procedure, which may produce occasional injustice, and a thoroughly just procedure, which is likely to remain a dead letter.

LE COMTE D'HAUSSONVILLE publishes through M. Calmann Lévy a volume entitled Socialisme et Charité, in which there is little which would be suggested by the title. We find studies on the bad conduct of the poor, waste, drink, bastardy, prostitution, criminality, and mendicity. These are followed by an essay on woman's work in England and in the United States, by one on 'State Socialism and Christian Socialism,' and one on charity and voluntary workhouses. The essay on Socialism, which is reprinted from the Revue des deux Mondes, will teach nothing to those who possess the usual information. The essay on charity proposes the creation in France of an imitation of the English Poor Law. We should have expected M. d'Haussonville to know how to spell the name of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

Ir would be easy to quote passages from Asiatic Neighbours, by Mr. Thorburn, of the Bengal Civil Service (Blackwood & Sons), to show that the author contradicts himself, and is too strong a politician to be altogether a safe guide. But the relations of India and Russia and the future of Afghanistan are matters of such difficulty that we are grateful to any man who will sit down steadily to investigate them, and we cannot expect perfect precision of ideas. Mr. Thorburn's conclusion is that when Russia—not in the lifetime of the present Amir—violates the integrity of Afghanistan, India will have to go to Kandahar and possibly further forward.

Two pretty little volumes have reached us from Messrs. Dent & Co., the one containing The Lyric Poems of Edmund Spenser; and the other containing, under the title of The Prelude to Poetry, Sidney's 'Apologie,' Wordsworth's preface to the second edition of the 'Lyrical Ballads,' Shelley's 'Defence of Poetry,' and similar pieces. Prefaces by Mr. Ernest Rhys, who is apt to write in rather too rhetorical a fashion, introduce the volumes.

BESIDES the list of members that we noticed lately, Mr. Waugh has privately printed an account of *The Athenœum Club and its Associations*, a brief and well-written little narrative.

Messes. Sampson Low & Co. have begun in good style their new series of volumes of travel and adventure by issuing Mr. Stanley's first volume How I found Livingstone and Ten Years' Captivity in the Mahdi's Camp, by Father Ohrwalder and Major Wingate. The volumes are convenient in size, clearly printed, and provided with maps, indices, and illustrations, the last not always praiseworthy, however. The price is extremely moderate.

MESSES. A. & C. BLACK send us a neat edition of A Romance of Dijon, by Miss Betham-Edwards; and Messes. Jarrold a reprint, in one volume, of Jock o' Hazelgreen, by Helen Mathers.

We have before us another volume, the sixth, of Meyer's Konversations - Lexikon (Leipzig, Bibliographisches Institut), and it confirms the high opinion we have already expressed of this admirable dictionary. The scientific articles continue to excite our admiration by their thoroughness and clearness, and they are most fully and even ingeniously illustrated. We have nothing to compare with the encyclopædia in this country.

We have on our table Latin Phrase-Book, by C. Meissner, translated by H. W. Auden (Macmillan),—A Vocabulary of Latin Idioms and Phrases, arranged by A. M. M. Stedman (Methuen), — Cassell's Geographical Readers, Third Book (Cassell),—Little Journeys Abroad, by M. B. Warren (Boston, U.S., Knight),—Napoleon at Home, by F. Masson, translated by J. E. Matthew, 2 vols. (Grevel),—Historical Progress and Ideal Socialism, by J. S. Nicholson (Black),—Rainmaking and Sunshine, by J. Collinson (Sonnenschein),—Alcohol, by W. Taylor (C.E.T.S.),—The Tongue of the Bells, by

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G. H. Longrigg (Chester, Phillipson & Golder),
—Patty Burton, by F. E. Reade (S.P.C.K.),
—The Rescue of Helena Hadley, by Mrs. Stevenson (C.E.T.S.),
—A Steep Road, by C. M. Mac Sorley (S.P.C.K.),
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H. ARTHUR DOUBLEDAY. (Archibald Constable & Co.)

CORIDON'S SONG, AND OTHER VERSES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

ALTHOUGH one may feel small surprise at Gay having fitted the wrong name to one of the having fitted the wrong name to one of the villages on his 'Journey to Exeter,' it is time that the mistake should be pointed out, and it is a little astonishing that Mr. Austin Dobson, in his preface to the latest volume in the delightful "Cranford Series," should have overlooked the error—even though he has chosen the very passage for a special allusion. I refer to the village called Morecombe and thus described:—

Through Bridport's stony lanes our rout we take, And the proud steep descend to Morecombe's lake,

On unadulterate wine we here regale, And strip the lobster of his scarlet mail.

No proud steep descends to Morecombe-Lake (to give it its full name), for the village stands on a narrow plateau about a mile in length, and is immediately approached from the Bridport side by a very steep climb of more than seven furlongs. From Morecombe the old coach-road (no longer used, and much of it now in pasture) ran along a southerly ridge for a mile and a half, and then descended, and still descends, a "proud steep" to Charmouth. It is at Charmouth, too (within a mile of the sea), that travellers were wont to stay and strip the scarlet mail from the particularly fine lobsters caught off that place. Further, to make assurance doubly sure, Gay tells us that afterwards We climb'd the hills, when starry night arose, And Axminster affords a kind repose

indicating the long hill-about a mile and a half-he would immediately have to ascend on turning his face towards Axminster. Since the 'Journey to Exeter' is a "poem of places," I trust that this topographical correction may justify the space it takes in your columns.

ARTHUR MONTEFIORE.

THE KENYON FAMILY PAPERS.

THOUGH none of the documents calendared in the volume recently issued by the Historical Manuscripts Commission will be found to throw much new light on any special period of English history, except perhaps on some of the plots hatched against William III., it forms a decidedly interesting collection of miscellaneous docu-ments, all of which have some bearing on the social, ecclesiastical, and political history of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It may, moreover, be said to be exceedingly rich in ich

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materials for Lancashire history, owing to many members of the Kenyon family and their con-nexions the Rigbys having been clerks of the peace for the county, and having carefully kept much correspondence received during their tenure of that office. In this way we get some curious details of the plague which raged in the county in 1631, of proceedings against witches among the documents is a certificate by the neighbours of a woman accused of witchcraft, that she is no sorceress or user of charms or any such wicked art, but a good, honest, orderly neighbour—and of the rise and fall of some of the county families. In illustration of the last subject is a letter, written in 1696, complaining of the removal of many members of the ancient gentry from their positions as justices-on the probably not unreasonable ground of their want of sympathy with King William, or for their suspected share in the plots against him; describing too, in an amusing way, the characters and occupations of some of those put into their places—apothecaries, shopkeepers, preachers at conventicles, including a "tub preacher" who had been a "major in Cromwell's own regiment," and who, if that were true, must have reached a and who, it that were true, into have reached a patriarchal age at the date in question. Only two years before the letter just quoted was written the trials had taken place at Manchester of the persons supposed to be implicated in the "Lancashire Plot"—trials undertaken on very untrustworthy evidence, which resulted in the acquittal of the prisoners. Several documents relating to the trials have been printed by the Chetham Society, but in Lord Kenyon's collection have been found others bearing on this important case which give much fuller particulars. Their presence in these archives is due to the fact that Roger Kenyon was engaged as solicitor in the defence of the accused, many of whom belonged to the most ancient families in Lancashire and Chester.

Mr. W. J. Hardy, the editor, gives in his introduction a careful summary of the contents of the plot papers, and shows how greatly they add to our knowledge of the case and of the informer John Lunt, who got it up. Every bit of new information about the career of a scoundrel has its value, and there is plenty of fresh material for Lunt's life, if he should be worth placing in the next biographical dictionary which may be projected. Lunt has usually been supposed to have first seen the light in Ireland, but any stigma which might have hitherto attached to that country on such account is fully removed by an apparently truthful account of him produced in evidence during subsequent proceedings against himself and his accomplices. From this it appears that Macclesfield is entitled to claim the honour of his birth and early nurture; he was "son to a bungling bookbinder, who pedled [sic] with pamphlets and ballads, a Protestant in religion though the mother was a Papist. Lunt was brought up in his mother's religion, and by the influence of the priests obtained situations with various families of note. On his marriage, in Knightsbridge Church, he settled in a public-house near Golden Square, but is found a few months after in the army sent to oppose the Prince of Orange's landing. Lunt afterwards served with James's army in Ireland; but we cannot follow his further adventures, the narrative of which extends over several pages. A much longer paper here printed is the verbatim account of the examination of Lunt and his associates before a committee of the House of Commons shortly after the failure of the Manchester prosecution; the evidence brought forward on this occasion is remarkable for the many views which it gives of the social life of the period.

Other notable documents relate to the Lord Willoughby of Parham, who flourished between 1692 and 1712. In 1697 a complaint against him is addressed to the Bishop of Chester, alleging with regard to Ellenbrook chapel of ease that his lordship, being

"the only Nonconformist of anything that hath the name of a gentleman in our country, hath by undue means possessed himself of the key of the chapel door, and locks out Mr. Atkinson [the incumbent] and any sent by him, and puts in to preach there one Cheney, who, as is said, never saw an university, but has been a justice of peace his clerk, and, proving a gifted brother, used to preach at all the conventicling barns about him, and now frequently uses so to do."

Lord Willoughby seems to have been a very arbitrary person indeed, for about the same date as the above are letters from his wife Honora to Roger Kenyon, complaining of her husband's "villany" and the "great and heavy oppressions" she suffers "in being so horribly abused and kept a prisoner by him." The lady adds:—

"He is such a devil nobody can live with him, and one of the greatest cheats that ever were, and marries only to rob and plunder all he can, and then, if he could, would set them going to be at liberty to cheat somebody else."

She was, according to the peerages, Lord Willoughby's second wife. Other letters from her are even more forcibly expressed; in the last of them she promises Roger Kenyon a "handsome piece of plate" for his wife if through Lord Derby's means he can get her case brought before the king and Council. These papers, however, throw no more light on the lady's fate.

Kenyon was closely connected with the ninth Earl of Derby in public affairs, and many of the letters which passed between them are printed here; some of them relate to the Isle of Man, of which Kenyon was governor for a time, and form quite an important contribution to the materials for its history. The earl ruled the Isle, it would appear, with almost regal power; one paper, styled 'The Manner of his Lordship's Goeing to the Tinwall from Castle Rushen,' reads like an account of the preparations for a royal progress in the days of the Tudors. He was often in conflict with the officers of the Crown as to his rights as "Lord of Man," and at times used language to the king's ministers not unbecoming the sovereign of an independent state. Roger Kenyon went into Parliament shortly after the Revolution, and another member of the family, George, had a seat in the House during Anne's reign. Another man of note was Dr. Roger Kenyon, who for a few years in the early part of the eighteenth century was physician to the exiled family at St. Germains. There are a few papers relating to the rebellion of 1715, but those bearing upon that of 1745 are more lengthy and important.

The correspondence of the future Lord Chief Justice, Lloyd Kenyon, begins in 1750; the greater part of it printed in this volume did not fall within the scope of the bio-graphy of him which was published in 1873, and therefore appears for the first time. There is much of social and political interest in the letters addressed to Kenyon, and he counted among his correspondents some of the eminent men of his generation; we can but give a passing reference to them here. One of the most remarkable is the long letter from John Walter, founder of the Times, touching many incidents in his early career and struggles. Burke, Fox, Pitt, Camden, Erskine, Sheridan, Warren Hastings, Wilberforce, and others almost as well known, are represented in these pages by writings which, perhaps, derive their chief value rather from the inditer than from the matter indited. London topographers will read with close attention the minute description which Mary Kenyon, the eminent lawyer's wife, gives to her mother of the new house they have taken, in 1775, in Lincoln's Inn Fields; hardly a room or a closet in it escapes notice, and the capacity and decorations of each are closely portrayed. There are some references, too, to Rolls House and gardens, where Lord Kenyon went to live on his appointment as Master of the Rolls—references the more interesting now, perhaps, when

the whole of that ancient neighbourhood is on the point of being swept away.

PUBLISHERS, BOOKSELLERS, AND THE PUBLIC.

I am grateful to Mr. J. Loraine Heelis for correcting my error, and sorry that it should have led "An Author" into a breach of good manners. Now he must commune with himself and reflect on the unusual appreciation of some things German, on the part of a full-fledged Frenchman. Wrapped in his insular naïveté, will he discover that it is possible for some desultory wisdom to come occasionally from that "bureaucratic, socialistic, soldier-ridden" country? However, I will leave him to his just remorse.

WM. Heinemann.

270, Strand, Nov. 24, 1894.

"An Author's" reference to Germany is more pertinent than he imagines. The German publishing trade is confessedly the first in the world as regards the output of works for study, whether of the historical or the natural sciences. It owes this position mainly, of course, to the temperament of the Germans as manifested in the historical development of the race, but largely to the admirable way in which the German retail book trade is organized. Thanks to this organization not a centre of intellectual life but possesses a bookseller of fair education and business experience; thanks to it no German scholar but is enabled to personally examine every book of importance that comes out; thanks to it the German publisher can rely upon every book he issues being brought to the notice of at least 75 per cent. of likely purchasers. How happy the English publisher would feel of a like assurance!

Some twenty years ago the existence of the provincial retail trade was menaced by the selfishness of a few firms which, placed in a central and, therefore, a favoured position, sought to absorb the entire retail trade, or at least the most profitable portion of it. The provincial trade saw that it must fight for life; it did so, was backed up by the more enlightened and patriotic publishers, and won all along the line. Had things gone otherwise I do not think that Germany would be enabled at present to publish more scientific books than all the rest

of the world put together.

"An Author," if I understand him rightly, would fain suppress the retail bookseller entirely; indeed, I imagine he regards the publisher as an unnecessary evil. The author of the future is to supply the public direct. I may be allowed, perhaps, to instance my own experience. As a writer I have had the advantage of publishing my own writings, of knowing by name most, and personally many, of the purchasers to whom I appealed; as a publisher, the books issued by my firm appeal in a large measure to the same class of purchasers; more over, owing to our wide connexion as retail book sellers, we are able to bring them directly to the notice of private purchasers at a minimum of cost and trouble. Here, if anywhere, are favourable conditions for endeavouring to dispense with the retailer. I may say on behalf of all in this firm that even if we did not consider such an endeavour wrong, we are convinced it would be short-sighted and foolish in the extreme. The publisher who relied solely upon his own efforts to bring his books before the public would soon find himself in the Bankruptcy Court. I much doubt if the few authors who have essayed to sell their own books have

found the game worth the candle.

This very day brings corroboration of what I urge. Mr. Cedric Chivers has just asked us to support his scheme of a permanent book exhibition, a central bureau where librarians and book-buyers generally can see and handle new books as they come out. He has shown me a large number of letters from well-known librarians, all to the same effect: "Circulars."

are no good, advertisements are no good; we must see the books before we can buy." But a place where books can be seen implies a man to keep it, and unless he find it profitable to

to keep it, and unless he find it profitable to do so, he will put up his shutters.

I do not think that authors generally, in whose behalf a new third "middleman" has been called into existence, will relish the idea of themselves doing what they now expect the publisher and bookseller to do, and if they place that work in the hands of their agent, they may rely upon it that he will not be satisfied with his present remuneration.

ALFRED NUTT.

THE figure of speech used by your correspondent "An Author," in describing the trade as a piece of social machinery by which the products of writers are transferred to readers, is, to say the least, inconsistent, for he subsequently states that the bookselling portion of the machinery is no longer necessary. He might as well argue that the driving wheel is no longer an essential part of the engine. It would appear that the author of this extraordinary letter is either ignorant of the means employed in introducing books to the public or ployed in introducing books to the public, or that he has so much confidence in his own productions that he can afford to dispense with the aid of the booksellers. In that case it is a pity he has hidden his identity, for since he has determined to avoid the "roundabout communication," the booksellers may unwittingly continue to stock his books, and surely he has too much independence of spirit to wish them to do so. Your correspondent continues, "Supposing the kind of distributing work to be the same, then extra pay for it is extra loss to those for whom it is done, writers or readers." Surely he knows that the kind of distributing work is not the same, and that in order to effect the sale of some books a fair amount of intelligence and tact is required, and that when a book genee and tact is required, and that when a book is sold, and not simply supplied to order, extra pay is neither asked nor obtained. He then asserts that a "simpler, cheaper, and quicker system is available now that we have a parcel post," &c. What nonsense! Is it not wiser, simpler, and cheaper in the end to enter a bookseller's shop, and ascertain whether a book is worth buying, rather than order through the post what may prove to be the veriest trash, and

consequent annoyance to the purchaser?

The misstatements and absurdities in the letter are most glaring; for instance, the assertion "that by postal distribution, &c., the prices of books may be reduced by at least one-third," is so palpably untrue that no one will pay the least regard to it. With very few exceptions, authors, publishers, and booksellers recognize that their interests are identical, and are working together to promote the general good, and will, I trust, continue to do so, notwithstanding the decision of your correspondent. Frank Hanson.

BRITISH FREEWOMEN.

MRS. STOPES writes :-

"Can you spare me space for a few words regarding the review of my 'British Freewomen' that appeared in your issue of November 17th, as the reviewer has misunderstood several important

1. The book does not assume to be a Constitutional "1. The book does not assume to be a Constitutional History, but a collection of verified facts, supporting my thesis that the men of the nineteenth century have been more unjust to women than their predecesors. If women do not fall into the class of femes convertes, they have had no constitutional exclusion from privilege at any time; no statutory exclusion till 1832; no adverse legal decision till 1832.

myself that I have been too generous to the later men of Kent, and that I have passed some printers'

men of Kent, and that I have passed some printers' errors.

"3. It was just because I understood the purport of the statute De Tallagio non Concedendo, and its bearing upon the charters and liberties of the people, that I referred to it so often, to show the illogical results of ignoring its meaning, in regard to women. A printer's error is of too trivial importance to be discussed seriously by a reviewer who leaves at least four verbal errors in a column and a half.

"4. If the reviewer had completed the passage from p. 19, in which I quote Prynne, he might have understood it. This concludes, 'In any history therefore of British Freewomen, we must practically follow legal precedent, and ignore the feme converte.' Yet he goes on to consider my arguments as relating to femes convertes.

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"5. I do not understand the construction of the rest of his paragraph. I know that I have given inartistic prominence to Sir Edward Coke; but after finding such a patent error in his works, it was too tempting not to preserve some of the anecdotes from his biographies, which supported my opinion of his habit of mind. I did not import Bacon into the discussion, because I found no reason to do so. Selden, Spelman, Prynne, and Plowden sufficed. The reviewer does not make clear whether Coke or Bacon attributes to the 'Parliament-man' the 'first property of the elephant.' This should have been a compliment, and therefore cannot correctly be styled 'an imputation.' He does not state who applied it to 'the would-be Parliament-woman.' Did anybody do so? Since Coke certainly did not, I cannot be said to 'repel the imputation,' and 'Inquoque' cannot be rendered in its ordinary sense. The quotation that follows is not given exactly as it appears in p. 145 of my book.

"6. I do not wish to contest the opinion that there are 'more serious shortcomings in the actual composition of the work.' Yet the reviewer himself seems to do so, in saying later that 'the literary style and arrangement leave little to be desired.'

"7. The real casus belli is the attack on my manuscripts. The reviewer asserts that I 'have given some deplorable instances of incorrect and unintelligent transcriptions and extensions.' He gives no examples. Fortunately for me, on this occasion I have rarely used authorities that have not been sanctified in print by expensive male labour. The transcripts for which I am personally responsible are four minor ones—from the Banham papers (p. 63), the Stratford-on-Avon records (p. 87), the Guildhall records (p. 81), the State papers, Hen. VIII., on the Merlin prophecies, contracted (p. 31); and four

Mrs. Stopes has asked for some instances of errors, at the same time hastening to disclaim the responsibility of more than certain specified passages. We may enumerate a few that have occurred to us, premising first of all that references given throughout the book, such as "Tower Rolls" and the like, being quite insufficient, should be revised. Mrs. Stopes does not even now realize the enormity of such a blunder as that pointed out by us on pp. 19 and 59 in regard to the 'Articuli super Cartas.' We could have added to these a less serious mistake on the same subject at p. 95, where this "statute" is assigned to a wrong year, even to a wrong reign; and we made no reference at all to a flagrant error respecting the well-known serjeanty of the Sandford family (p. 48). A few specimens of her record Latin may suffice: "Hundreds, civitates, Burgi et Villæ," &c. (p. 41); "Ad colloquimn et tractatium coram Rege" (p. 55); "Anno 35 Edward III., null summoniciones but summons to council ii. Comitissæ summonitæ at mittend sede dagnos ad. colloq." (p. 55); "Consimilies brevia de escende coram Rege and estate and colloq." (p. 55); "Consimilies brevia diriguntur.....de essendo coram Rege and con-

THE death is announced of Dr. Malan, the most encyclopædiac of Oriental scholars. He most encyclopediac of Oriental scholars. He was the son of Cæsar Malan of Geneva, a Calvinistic divine of high reputation in his day; but he was educated at Oxford, where he obtained the Boden Scholarship for Sanskrit, and the Pusey and Ellerton Scholarship for Hebrew. After being curate to the late Bishop of Winchester, then Archdeacon Wilberforce, he became Vicer of Broadwindern a benefit to became Vicar of Broadwindsor, a benefice he held for forty years. He was the greatest and the least appreciated linguist that England ever possessed, just as he was the most modest and retiring. It was not so much the number of languages that he had at his fingers' ends, of languages that he had at his fingers' ends, astounding as it was, as the difficulty of most of the individual tongues he had mastered, that made him such a marvel. Chinese, Manchu, Mongol, Tibetan, Sanskrit, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Zend, Persian, Ethiopic, Arabic, Syriac, Armenian, Georgian, Russian, Hungarian, and a host of the smaller fry were all familiar to a host of the smaller fry were all familiar to him. The simple references to passages in the vernacular texts which are found in the three bulky volumes of his notes on the book of Proverbs show the giant linguist. A fitting tribute to his prodigious attainments will be found in Trübner's Record, vol. ii. p. 17 (1990). (1890). He was also an accomplished ornithologist, having published a catalogue of the eggs of British birds in 1848. His collection of birds' eggs is in the Exeter Museum, and his library in the Indian Institute at Oxford.

Literary Gossip.

A MEMOIR of Sir Samuel Baker, by his executor Mr. T. Douglas Murray and Mr. Silva White, is to be published by Messrs. Macmillan. The authors have endeavoured to give as full an account as possible of Sir Samuel Baker himself, of his writings, and of the part taken by him in the discovery of the sources of the Nile, in the opening up of the Soudan, and the suppression of the slave trade in Africa. His correspondence and various documents hitherto unpublished are said to throw new light on his career, especially in regard to his relations with Gordon and the Egyptian Government. The work will be illustrated, and published in

Gibbon's letters are so scarce in public libraries—the British Museum has at most, we believe, but two-that it may be worth while to note that a very fine specimen will shortly be brought to the hammer at Messrs. Sotheby's. This letter is dated in March, 1789, from Lausanne, extends over four pages, and is addressed to his publisher. Many topics are touched upon in it: his visitors during the previous autumn, especially Fox; the quarrel between "Bellendenus" Parr and the Bishop of Worcester ("The Doctor has a keen pen and the Bishop is fair game," he remarks); his "expensive honour of being elected a Fellow of the Royal and Antiquarian Societies," &c.

A VOLUME of selections from the State Papers relating to England preserved in the Venetian archives, under the editorship of Mr. Horatio F. Brown, will be brought out at the beginning of next year in the series of Record Office publications. It is in continuation of the work left incomplete by the late Mr. Rawdon Brown, and will cover the period between 1581 and 1591.

LORD ROSEBERY and Mr. Bayard, the American ambassador, have joined the of

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SIR AUCKLAND COLVIN writes from the Travellers' Club:—

"May I venture to address myself through your columns to any who have in their possession letters from or to the chief actors in the events which occurred in Upper India, in Sind, and in Afghánistán, during 1836-42? It is probable that the correspondence of the Earl of Auckland, while Governor-General of India, will be published before very long; and the letters or diaries of those who took part in the conduct of affairs during his Indian administration will be of great value to the editor. It is thought that the representatives, for example, of Sir William Macnaghten, Sir Alexander Burnes, Sir Claude Wade, Sir Henry Fane, Sir Jasper Nicholls, Sir William Casement, Col. Burney, Major Benson, and others, might be willing to place original documents in their possession at my disposal. I should be grateful for such assistance, and responsible for the safety of papers entrusted to me."

WE understand that Mr. Reginald John Smith will shortly join the publishing firm of Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. The firm will then consist of Mr. George Smith (who is, we believe, the doyen of London publishers), his son, Mr. Alexander Murray Smith, and his son-in-law, Mr. Reginald Smith.

A CONTRIBUTION to the political history of Wales will be made by the publication, early in January, of a work entitled 'The Parliamentary History of Wales and Monmouthshire from the Earliest Times to the Present Day (1541-1894),' by Mr. W. R. Williams, of Talybont, near Brecon. The work, which is to be issued to subscribers only, will contain, among other matter, biographical and genealogical notices of all the parliamentary representatives of the Principality, chronologically arranged under the thirteen counties, together with an account of the chief contested elections, of all double returns, and the trial of petitions.

Mr. Anthony Hope's first novel, 'A Man of Mark,' which has been out of print for some years, will be reissued by Messrs. Methuen in January. It is a story of political adventure in South America.

Messes. Macmillan have in preparation a volume on 'Aristotle's Theory of Poetry and Fine Art,' by Prof. Butcher, of Edinburgh. It has grown—as he explains in the preface—out of certain chapters relating to the 'Poetics' in the first edition of 'Some Aspects of the Greek Genius.' These chapters have now been enlarged and partly rewritten; and the author discusses some questions bearing on Aristotle's theory of tragedy which were not suggested in the earlier volume. Prof. Butcher lays much stress on the fact that in order to understand and appreciate Aristotle's theory of art we must trace the links which connect it with his philosophic system as a whole. A text and a translation of the 'Poetics' accompany the essay.

Dr. W. J. FITZPATRICK has been asked by his brother Governors of Prospect and Golden Bridge Cemeteries to write a history of both these cities of the dead. The work, around which some local and historic interest gathers, is now in a forward state.

SIR W. PRIESTLEY informs us we were mistaken in supposing Sir Joseph Lister

had resigned his seat on the Council of King's College, London.

MR. WILFRID WARD's work on the 'Life and Times of Cardinal Wiseman,' which we announced a fortnight ago, will include some account of Wiseman's relations with such men as Pio Nono, Döllinger, Mr. Gladstone, Daniel O'Connell, Pugin, the late Lord Houghton, the leaders of the Oxford movement, and Cardinal Manning. Reminiscences of Dr. Wiseman are contributed by Lord Acton, Mr. Gladstone, Cardinal Vaughan, and others. The work will contain letters from Döllinger, Cardinal Manning, Mr. Gladstone, Lord Beaconsfield, Lingard the historian, Pugin, the Chevalier Bunsen, and Lord Houghton. Considerable space will be devoted to Wiseman's early life in Rome as Professor of Oriental Languages in the Roman University, and to his intercourse at that time both with eminent English visitors and with the leaders of the religious revival on the Continent.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY of the literature of Gloucestershire is being prepared by Mr. F. A. Hyett, Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions for the county, and the Rev. W. Bazeley, honorary secretary of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society. The descriptions amount to over 7,000, and the book is divided into publications relating to the whole county, those concerned with the Forest of Dean, those relating to parishes and towns in the county, and those relating to the city of Bristol. An index of authors, a list of local printers, and a bibliography of the Rowley controversy are to be added.

MR. HALL CAINE'S story 'The Mahdi,' which is to appear next week as a Christmas number, is not a recent work, though it has been recently worked upon. In its original form it was a drama intended for a London theatre, but withheld owing to religious opposition to its subject. Its present form is that of a Moorish romance of our own time. The scene is Fez; the Mahdi is a social and political leader who overthrows the reigning sovereign, and is betrayed by his Jewish wife; and the dramatic motive is the conflict of love and race. It is probable that 'The Mahdi,' which is frankly "a drama in story," will be presented on the stage in the spring, and it is, therefore, not intended to produce it as a book.

MISS MENE MURIEL DOWIE, whose book 'A Girl in the Karpathians' had a considerable success a few years ago, has written a novel of modern life, entitled 'Gallia.' It will be published in one volume early next year by Messrs. Methuen.

A SELECTION from the unpublished MSS. left by Guy de Maupassant will shortly be issued by M. Ollendorff. The volume will comprise fragments of two novels on which the author was engaged when he was attacked by the illness which proved fatal, 'L'Ame Étrangère' and 'L'Angelus.' Of the former only the opening chapter had been completed when he suspended the work, that his undivided attention might be given to carrying out the idea of the latter, which had suddenly fascinated him. In these latter days Maupassant's eyes as well as his mind were giving way, and it is said that he composed everything, down to the last nuance of phrase, in his head, so that he was able to write out his fair

copy currents calamo. The fragment of 'L'Ame Étrangère' is printed in the last number of the Revue de Paris.

MAUPASSANT is said to have intended to dramatize 'Yvette' and 'Pierre et Jean,' either by his own hand or by the aid of a trusty friend under his supervision or approval. In 1890 he was much pressed to set to work on 'Yvette' by Jeanne Samary, who was anxious to play the title rôle, and he would seem to have given his promise to gratify her ambition only a few weeks before her sudden death.

It is said that the *Bookworm* in its present form will be discontinued at the end of the present volume, in view of a fresh and more comprehensive departure at an early date.

The death is announced of Dr. John Chapman, who, forty odd years ago, was well known as a bookseller and publisher of religious and philosophical works of a freethinking character in King William Street, Strand. He purchased the Westminster Review, and brought out a new series, to which George Eliot contributed largely. He was the publisher of Miss Hennell's books, of Prof. F. Newman's 'Phases of Faith' and his 'The Soul, its Sorrow and Aspirations,' and of Miss Martineau's 'Letters from Ireland' and her abridgment of Comte's 'Philosophie Positive.' Suddenly Mr. Chapman abandoned bookselling for the study of medicine, took his M.D., and thenceforward practised in Paris.

Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge sold the following books on the 22nd and 23rd ult.: A'Beckett, Comic History of England and Rome, 1847-8, 15l. 15s. Apperley, Life of a Sportsman, 1842, 12l. Burton's Arabian Nights, with the six supplemental volumes, 28l. Barham, Ingoldsby Legends, 1840-42-47, 24l. Comic Almanack, 1835-53, 19l. 15s. Dickens, Pickwick Papers, 1837, 20l. Norman Gale, complete set of his works, 21l. Boydell's Shakespeare, from the library of Miss Boydell, 73l. 10s. Mathias, Pursuits of Literature, 5 vols., with extra illustrations, 1812, 46l. Novelists' Library, 19 vols., 1831, 15l. 10s. Scott, Waverley Novels, Border edition, 48 vols., large paper, 1892-94, 20l. Thackeray, Vanity Fair, 1848, 18l. 5s. Uzanne, L'Eventail, L'Ombrelle, La Femme, La Française du Siècle, 4 vols., 1882-86, 23l. Scrope, Days and Nights of Salmon Fishing, 1843, 11l.

THE Windsor Magazine, which, as we have already announced, Messrs. Ward & Lock are going to publish, will fill 128 pages, and will be profusely illustrated. The first number, which will be issued on December 12th, will contain an "interview" with Edna Lyall. 100,000 copies are to be printed.

The decease is announced, at the age of eighty-three, of M. Victor Duruy, the distinguished historian of Greece and Rome, and Minister of Public Instruction under the Second Empire from 1863 to 1869. He did much during his tenure of office to improve the state of education in France, and would have effected still more had it not been for the strenuous opposition of the clerical party.

DR. Louis Lewes, the writer of an elaborate volume on the 'Women of Shakespeare,'

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which Miss Helen Zimmern has translated, died at Munich on the 11th ult. Dr. Lewes had previously written a work on 'The Women of Goethe,' which was also much appreciated. At the time of his death Dr. Lewes was engaged on a book on 'Byron's Heroines.

THE Parliamentary Papers of the week include the Annual Report of the Labour Department of the Board of Trade (9d.), and Historical Manuscripts Commission, MSS. of Lord Kenyon, and Appendix (2s. 10d.).

SCIENCE

ZOOLOGICAL LITERATURE.

Under the title of Agricultural Zoology (Chapman & Hall), Prof. J. R. Ainsworth Davis has produced an abbreviated translation of a volume of the "Thaer Library" written by the well-known authority Dr. J. Ritzema Bos. Miss E. A. Ormerod, late Consulting Entomologist of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, has contributed an introduction, in which she expresses her great satisfaction with that portion of the work which treats of the insects, centipedes and millipedes, spiders, mites and ticks, worms of various classes and orders, and the Mollusca as represented by snails and slugs. These sections, upon which Miss Ormerod is an authority, occupy more than three-fourths of the book, and as they are profusely illustrated, they will probably be of considerable use to those agriculturists who are sufficiently educated to master the somewhat technical descriptions. Even thus, however, the attempt to give a consecutive account of this portion of the animal kingdom will, we fear, weary many of those for whom the book is specially designed; and this draw-back is still more apparent in the first part of the work, relating to the vertebrates. ridiculous to occupy nearly a page with a cut of grebes in impossible attitudes, or illustrations of the woodcock, capercaillie, nightingale (such a horror), golden eagle, eagle-owl, &c., for their influence on agriculture is infinitesimal; while the Hirundinidee, and many of the remarks about other birds are distinctly misleading. As parks the fallow-deer is practically confined to in this country, it was unnecessary to tell British readers that "towards evening it eagerly leaves the forest in order to seek its food in the cornfields"; on the other hand, it would have been well to state of the roe-deer-recently introduced into Epping Forest—that to young trees it is as mischievous as a goat, which is saying a good deal. A cut and nearly half a page of letter-press devoted to the hamster of Northern Europe, well as a description of the wild boar, are as well as a description of the wild boar, are wholly superfluous; and we doubt if the agriculturist will care much for the skeleton of man (p. 7), while with that of the ox (p. 9) he is probably familiar. It would have been more to the purpose to tell him that the badger, which he so often destroys through wantonness as improved is of great use in very local property. or ignorance, is of great use in keeping down or ignorance, is of great use in account to the rabbits, precisely in those rugged places where man can only reach them with difficulty, for a nest of young rabbits in the "soft" stage is a favourite food of this ancient plantigrade. On the whole, we fear that the book is over-weighted with extraneous matter, and will not "take the place in our farm and school libraries" which Miss Ormerod believes it "to be excel-lently fitted to fill."

A Naturalist on the Prowl; or, in the Jungle. By Eha. (Thacker & Co.)—We advise the lover of natural history to turn as rapidly as possible from the suspicious title of Eha's work, and plunge into its contents; wherever he opens it he will be amused, interested,

and often instructed. We are not quite sure that the systematist who takes himself seriously will not complain of the flippancy of some of the author's remarks, but we think that the looker-on who knows the ways of this same systematist will chuckle. It is not a book to quote from easily, but it is most certainly one

SOCIETIES.

ROYAL.—Nov. 22.—Sir J. Evans, Treas. and V.P., in the chair.—Notice of the ensuing Anniversary Meeting was given, and the list of officers and Council nominated for election was read.—The following papers were read: 'A Determination of the Specific Heat of Water in Terms of the International Electric Units,' by Prof. A. Schuster and Mr. W. Gannon,—'On the Temperature of the Carbons of the Electric Arc, with a Note on the Temperature of the Sun,' by Messra W. E. Wilson and P. L. Gray,—and 'Observations of Sun-spot Spectra, 1879-94,' by Prof. J. N. Lockyer.

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GEOGRAPHICAL.—Nov. 26.—Mr. C. R. Markham, President, in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: Count A. E. W. Gleichen, Count W. de Wagner, Baron do Rio Branco, Sir L. Molesworth, General Sir H. A. Smyth, Major-General R. H. Cunliffe, Major R. H. MacCarthy, Col. G. H. Bolland, Lieut. Col. F. Luttmar-Johnson, Lieut.-Col. W. T. McLeod, Lieut. L. R. Arthur, Lieut. G. Molyneux-Montgomerie, Commander N. Harrison, Capt. C. F. Close, Capt. C. F. Cromie, Capt. R. Davies, Capt. D. Haig, Capt. J. R. B. Serjeant, Surgeon-Capt. S. G. Hamilton, Rev. A. H. Macdonald, Rev. D. G. Lewis, Dr. E. Prado, Messrs, J. W. Bakewell, C. H. Bellamy, G. W. Brocklehurst, C. de B. Brounlie, N. G. Burch, S. Butcher, J. T. Campbell, J. E. Chandler, D. T. Hanbury, F. L. Harris, McA. Herbert, A. Hill, W. H. Himbury, E. Keyworth, C. J. Laffin, G. Lovett, W. Lucas, T. M. Martin, W. Miller, W. J. Muller, W. Mure, T. D. Murray, H. Nisbet, R. Norton, Tekoo Ram, W. Schofeld, G. A. Simcox, F. G. Smith, W. Taylor, A. Whitelaw, M. L. Winterton, and S. Whitman.—The paper read was 'A Journey to Tailet, Morocco,' by Mr. W. B. Harris.

Geological.—Nov. 21.—Dr. H. Woodward, President, in the chair.—Mr. B. Redwood was elected a Fellow.—The following communications were read: 'The Pleistocene Beds of the Maltese Islands,' by Mr. J. H. Cooke,—'Geological Notes of a Journey in Madagascar,' by the Rev. R. Baron,—and 'On a Collection of Fossils from Madagascar obtained by the Rev. R. Baron,' by Mr. R. B. Newton.

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Society of Antiquaries.—Nov. 22.—Sir A. W. Franks, President, in the chair.—Rev. W. H. Wayne, through Mr. Grueber, exhibited an interesting latten ewer of the fifteenth century found (with two candlesticks now missing) near Coventry.—Mr. H. S. Cowper exhibited a socketed celt and a palstave, both of bronze, found at Stainton-in-Furness, and a large stone celt found near Plumbland, Cumberland.—Mr. C. Welch exhibited a gold ring formerly belonging to Sir T. Gresham, bearing his initials and "merchant mark."—Mr. C. H. Read gave an account of the recent examination made by him for the London County Council of the tumulus on Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath. This had now been proved to be an artificial mound, probably a tumulus of the early bronze period, in which the burial had been by inhumation. This would account for the entire disappearance of the bones, a not infrequent circumstance in like barrows. It was quite clear that the tumulus had not been opened before, but it had been largely added to within the last two centuries, chiefly on the north and east sides.—Mr. E. Buckle read an account of the discovery of certain foundations in the ground east of the cloister at Wells, which he showed to have been those of two successive chapels dedicated in honour of the Blessed Virgin. The earlier had probably been begun in the time of Bishop Giso, and was remarkable for the angle which it made with the later wall of the cloister, that crossed and afterwards formed begue in the time of Bishop Giso, and was remarkable for the angle which it made with the later wall of the cloister, that crossed and afterwards formed its west end. It had been originally a mere rectangle, but north and south aisles were added to it in the thirteenth century through the munificence of the Bitton family. The later chapel was a rebuilding on a far larger scale, during the latter half of the fifteenth century, by Bishops Stillington and King. It was built without any regard to the earlier chapel, and lay parallel to the great church. It was cruciform in plan, with a vestry on the north side of the chancel, and measured about 120 ft. in length. It was entirely destroyed in the reign of Edward VI, with the exception of the west end, which is incorporated with the wall of the cloister. Mr. Buckle's paper was illustrated by an excellent series of plans

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British Archæological Association.—Nov. 21.—The Rev. J. Cave Browne in the chair.—Mr. Way exhibited a series of antiquities mostly found in Southwark, the most curious being a hand pistol for the discharge of needles. There was also a bronze stylus of Roman date, having a spoon at the opposite end for melting wax for the writing tablet.—Dr. Fryer exhibited an inscribed ring found at Tyre.—Mr. Loftus Brock. in referring to the numbers of jettons found in Europe, exhibited some procured on the Continent, struck by various municipal and corporate bodies for public use.—Mr. Symons sent particulars of a curious article of pottery found at Whitefriars, Hull.—Lady Simons forwarded drawings of some crosses of very early date which have been met with at Lerwick. They are sepulchral in character.—Mrs. Metcalfe described a remarkable chest of Italian work which is now preserved in Sherborne Castle.—Drawings of an early Norman inscribed font with a description were laid before the meeting by Mr. C. Lynam. It is in Adderley Church, Salop, where an interesting and little-known monument of a priest exists in the modern building.—A paper was then read by Dr. Fryer 'On the Discovery of Manganese from Abroad,' which has been found near a smelting furnace attached to a Roman building near Cardiff.—The Chairman read a paper 'On a List of Witnesses appended to the Records of a Trial, 1176, relative to Lands in the lefe of Thanet.' It is of much local interest since the names are 123 in number. The records form part of Campbell's charters in the British Museum, recently investigated by Mr. R. B. Barrett 'On the Ancient and Campbell's charters in the British Museum, recently investigated by Mr. R. B. Barrett on the Ancient and Campbell's charters in the Fritish Museum, recently investigated by Mr. R. B. Barrett on the Ancient plans and drawings of the subjects described.

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Woodward, on the so-called salmonoid fishes of the English chalk, dealing with the osteology of Osmeroides lemesiensis, Elopopsis crassus, and Aulolepis typus. He directed special attention to three features in the head of the genera to which these species are referred, namely: (1) the exclusion of the supraoccipital from the cranial roof by the union of the supraoccipital from the cranial roof by the union of the parietal bones in the median line, (2) the overlapping of the arched maxilla by two large supramaxillary bones, and (3) the presence of a large gular plate. All three genera should be associated with the existing Elops, Megalops, and their allies.—By Mr. W. Garstang, on the gastropod Colpodaspis pusilla of Michael Sars. Mr. Garstang described a specimen of this rare molluse found by him at Plymouth in the early part of the year. The anterior part of the foot was not really bifid, as stated by Sars, but possessed a pair of large prolongations of its antero-lateral angles, analogous to the anterior pedal cornua of many seolids. In this case, however, they were probably to be regarded as homologous with the pleuropodial expansions of the Tectibranchia. The bulloid shell, the radula, and the posterior appendage of the mantle pointed to the close affinity of Colpodaspis with the Cephalaspides; but the great extent of the mantle, the small head, and the grooved tentacles were important and primitive characters which it shared with the Notaspidea. Whether Colpodaspis was an immature stage of some Philine-like genus or not, it furnished an indubitable connecting link between these two great subdivisions of the Tectibranchia.—From Mr. A. D. Bartlett, on the recent occurrence in the Society's menagerie of a case of one boa swallowing another of nearly equal size.—From From Frof. R. Collett, on a new agonoid fish from Kamtschatka, proposed to be called Agonus gilberti.

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Folk-Lore.—Nov. 21.—Mr. G. L. Gomme, President, in the chair.—Mrs. Gomme exhibited two Beltane bannocks received from Dr. W. Gregor, who sent a description of the rites adopted in making them.—Mr. A. J. Evans read a paper 'On the Rollright Stones,' divided into three sections. In the first part, the monument was discussed in relation to the Wychwood group of megalithic monuments, and referred to the latest period of the bronze age in that part of Britain. "Rowldrich" itself was shown to have been originally surrounded by an extensive British necropolis, including a ria sacra with menhirs at intervals along its sides. Mr. Evans next described the folk-lore of Rollright as collected by himself from the lips of the country people. The story was given of the king and his army turned into stone, and the local ryhmes of which it formed the subject; and a tradition was recorded of the solemn cutting of the "bleeding elder" on St. John's Eve, on which occasion the King Stone was said to turn his head round. Various other superstitious beliefs regarding the stones were related, such as the stones going down at midnight to drink of the brook below, and the abortive efforts to remove the capstone of the dolmen or to count the stones of the circle. A remarkable feature of the local superstition was the use of the dolmen known as the "Whisperring Knights" as a kind of primitive oracle, girls going up in the evening to hear the stones whisper about the future. Mr. Evans showed that a similar practice existed in the Pyrenees. On the whole, the folk-lore of Rollright must be regarded as a singular instance of Celtic orealier survival; it seemed, indeed, as if a bit of Brittany were plumped down on English soil. Proofs, moreover, were given of a Celtic element having existed in Wychwood to Edward L's time. The beliefs regarding the stones were traced by Mr. Evans to early ideas rega

ARISTOTELIAN. — Nov. 19. — Mr. B. Bosanquet, President, in the chair.—Prof. W. Wallace was elected a Member.—Mr. E. C. Benecke read a paper 'On the Logical Meaning of Proper Names.' Logicians are divided between two opinions as to the meaning of proper names, some holding that the proper name connotes nothing (Whately, Mill, &c.),

others that the proper name connotes more than any other kind of name (Hamilton, De Morgan, &c.). Both views present serious difficulties. The former is more generally adopted by logicians, but in the opinion of the reader was not correct. Two misconceptions must be guarded against: (1) The connotation of a proper name is certainly not that of the parts of which it is composed (e.g., "Gladstone" does not connote either "gladness" or "the properties of stones"); (2) The question is not whether the name was originally given to indicate properties, but whether, when it has been given, it has a connotation, that is, does signify any properties or not. Illustrations were adduced to show that we cannot make an intelligent use of any word, whether proper name or general term, without knowing its meaning, and this admission, it was urged, involved the conclusion that proper names have a connotation. The objections to the connotation of proper names—

(1) that very different individuals may have the same name; (2) that if connotation means common attributes, there can be no connotation to the name of a class consisting of one individual; (3) that we cannot predicate a proper name—though they do not really tell against the doctrine of the connotation (for the names of different individuals, though they should be written and pronounced alike, are really different names, and that we cannot predicate a (for the names of different individuals, though they should be written and pronounced alike, are really different names, and that we cannot predicate a proper name is untrue), bring out clearly that it is the essence of a proper name to denote only one individual, and that that is its prime function. The consideration of a case leads to the conclusion that if the proper name connotes anything, it must connote to each user or hearer not only every most trivial attribute of the person or place, &c., denoted, of which he (the user or hearer) is aware, but also the fact that all these belong to some one person or place, &c., and that that is the one denoted by the name. If this be admitted, the connotation of the proper name is seen to be a somewhat uncertain the name. If this be admitted, the connotation of the proper name is seen to be a somewhat uncertain and varying quantity. But (1) the same is the case with that of general names also, and the postulate of logic that "every name must have the same fixed and precise meaning for every one" is very far from being complied with in practice, and (2) the use which they make of proper names appears to show that even logicians who take the opposite view are practically not so far from holding the opinion maintained in this paper as their theories would lead one to expect.—The paper was followed by a discussion.

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Royal Academy, 4—'Chemistry', Mr. A. Church.
Victoria Institute, 4, —'Sensitic Languages,' Mr. T. G. Pinches.
Royal Institution, 5.—General Monthly.
London Institution, 5.—'The Literary Movement of the Century,' Mr. E. Gosse.
Engineers, 7, —'The Principles and Practice of Hydro-Extraction,' Mr. H. B. Ransom.
Aristotelian, 8.—'The Rationality of Hedonism,' Miss E. E. C.
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Statistical, 42,—'The Eleventh United States Census,' Hon.
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Society of Arts, 4,—'Fire Protection,' Mr. E. O. Sachs. British Archivological Association, 5.—Fortifications of Ti

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MESSES. MACMILLAN hope to publish soon a book on 'Steam and the Marine Steam-Engine,' by John Yeo, Instructor in Steam and Marine Engineering, Royal Naval College. The work is intended for naval officers and for students of engineering in the earlier part of their training, but may also, it is hoped, prove useful to officers of the mercantile marine and others.

A TRANSLATION of Nernst's 'Theoretical Chemistry, from the Standpoint of Avogadro's Rule and Thermodynamics,' will be issued shortly by Messrs. Macmillan. The translator is Prof. Charles Skeele Palmer, of the Uniis Prof. Charles Skeele Palmer, of the University of Colorado. The work includes an 'Introduction to some Fundamental Principles of Modern Investigation,' and is divided into four books, dealing with the "Universal Properties of Matter," with "Atom and Molecule," with the "Transformation of Matter" (the Doctrine of Affinity, I.), and with the "Transformation of Energy" (the Doctrine of Affinity, II.). Two appendices have been added to the translation, the first of which describes some important developments in theoretical and some important developments in theoretical and physical chemistry for the year 1893, while the second contains a synchronistic table of chemical periodicals.

The death is announced at Christiania, on the 19th ult., of Prof. E. F. H. Winge, the eminent Norwegian pathologist. He was born at Fredriksværn in 1827. In 1859 he accompanied Virchow on his tour through Northern Norway to inquire into the conditions of leprosy. In 1866 Winge was appointed to the Chair of Pathology and Pathological Anatomy in the University of Christiania. For the last thirty years he had contributed largely to the literature of his subject.

THE Swiss papers report the death of Pfarrer Baumgartner, of Brienz, the Central President of the Swiss Alpine Club. He was in his fortyninth year. He was one of the foremost experts in Switzerland in his knowledge of the high Alps, and not less distinguished as a practical He was known to wide circles by his book 'Ueber das Bergsteigen.'

THE position of Encke's comet for this evening, December 1st, is, by Dr. Backlund's ephemeris, R.A. 22^h 26^m, N.P.D. 82° 45′, moving slowly to the south-west.

A VERY faint comet (e, 1894) was discovered by Mr. Edward Swift at 8 o'clock in the evening, Californian time, on the 20th ult. It was then in the constellation Aquarius, and moving slowly towards the east.

THE planet Mercury, which was at greatest western elongation from the sun on the 27th ult., will continue to be visible for a few days in the early morning before sunrise. Venus was in superior conjunction with the sun on the 30th ult., and will become visible in the evening just after sunset about the end of the present month. Mars is still in the constellation Aries, and becoming less bright in consequence of his increasing distance from us; he will be very near the gibbous moon on the 8th inst. Jupiter is in the western part of Gemini, and will be in opposition to the sun on the 22nd inst. Saturn rises now about 5 o'clock, and at the end of the month about 3 in the morning, being situated near the boundary of the constellations Virgo

FINE ARTS

The Monumental Brasses of Lancashire and Cheshire, with some Account of the Persons Represented. By James L. Thornely. (Hull, Andrews & Co.)

It is a pity that Mr. Thornely ever made "an attempt to do, for the Counties Palatine of Lancaster and Chester, what

has already been done for many other counties," namely, to bring out a work on the monumental brasses contained in them.

Neither county can boast of many brasses, there being only about a score in Lancashire and half a dozen in Cheshire; but among these there are several of exceptionally interesting character, such as those of Warden Huntingdon and Bishop Stanley at Manchester, Sir Peter Legh at Winwick, Margaret Bulkeley and Sir William Molineux and wives at Sefton, and Sir Roger del Bothe and lady at Wilmslow.

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Unfortunately Mr. Thornely is, in the first place, only imperfectly acquainted with the costume, &c., of the respective figures. His first example, the brass of Warden Huntingdon at Manchester, is described as attired in processional vestments, whereas he is wearing the ordinary choir habit of surplice and grey amice over his cassock. An ecclesiastic at Eccleston, who wears the same habit with a cope over it, is described as wearing an alb instead of a cassock. The tabard worn by Peers Gerard at Winwick is said to be furnished with a cape with "flaps which cover either shoulder," and the tabard of a knight at Ormskirk is also described as "a surcoat with a cape." (We wonder whether Mr. Thornely ever saw a tabard.) The figure of Thomas Beri, a respectable citizen, at Walton-onthe-Hill, though clearly vested in the ordinary late Elizabethan gown with hanging sleeves and fur lining, is said to be wearing a cloak; and the same blunder is repeated in the descriptions of the later figures of Richard Assheton at Middleton and Thomas Covell at Lancaster. After this it is not surprising to find the brass at Manchester of James Stanley, Bishop of Ely (ob. 1515), commended for "the richness of the Roman vestures," or the 3hs on the wafer on Edmund Assheton's brass at Middleton interpreted as "Jesus hominum salvator."

In the second place, Mr. Thornely does not seem to think it necessary to transcribe correctly the inscriptions. The first he gives, that of Warden Huntingdon at Manchester, has eight blunders in three lines, as, for instance, "vel" for sive, and "hujus" for istius. An even worse case occurs in the inscription of Peers Gerard at Winwick. Here there are seventeen mistakes in six lines, including a wrong date, and one line of the original is left out altogether. From errors in other inscriptions it is clear that Mr. Thornely is not acquainted with the old system of contractions, nor the ways of expressing them in

The twenty-seven illustrations are worthy of the text. Only the figures are given; the drawing is most indifferent; all canopies, inscriptions, and other accessories are omitted, and no scale is supplied. The absence of scale is not even atoned for by

the dimensions being stated in the text.

Although divers works have been laid under contribution to supply copy for the letterpress, many important representations of the brasses themselves are not even referred to. The whole of Warden Huntingdon's brass is figured and described in the Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, as are the other Manchester brasses. The figure of Edmund

Assheton at Middleton and the Wilmslow brass are figured by the Rev. C. Boutell in his 'Monumental Brasses of England.' The two Winwick brasses are beautifully figured by the Messrs. Waller in their well-known work; so is the brass at Sefton to Sir William Molineux and his wives, with the interesting trophy of the two standards captured by Sir William at Flodden. A comparison of Mr. Thornely's plate of this brass with that given by the Messrs. Waller will show how little attention he has given to absolute accuracy of delineation.

We also find that Mr. Thornely has omitted all reference to the Rochdale brass, although it has been twice engraved. He has also incorrectly dated the Over brass as 1577, whereas the inscription plainly gives it as 1500. To quote Mr. Thornely's own words:—

"These mistakes show a combined ignorance of chronology and costume, as illustrated by monumental antiquities, which detracts greatly from the value of his work, whenever he quits the paths of compilation for those of original research."

We will only add that the book concludes with a list of subscribers instead of an index.

NEW PRINTS.

To Messrs. Klackner & Co., 12, Haymarket, we are indebted for an artist's proof on vellum, with three remarques, of a plate (271 in. by 16½ in.) by M. J. Jacquet, reproducing Meissonier's masterpiece, 'Austerlitz, 1805.' The long line of cuirassiers recedes obliquely into the picture, Napoleon and his commanders occupying the mid-distance. The character and part of the history of each man of the scores in question are expressed in his face and demeanour. The horses are as different from one another as horses can be, and the heads of the men, most of whom are earnestly watching the central group, as if they waited for an order to charge, are designed with amazing care, and studiously made like nature. Dated 1878, the technique of the picture is of Meissonier's best, and every part has been arranged with consummating thought and knowledge; yet the whole could not be broader and simpler in its dark line of figures, the rich, though equable whiteness of the snow-clad ground, and the softened pallor of the low greyish clouds, which, diffusing the sun-light so that the shadows are faint and weak, cover the sky. Meissonier's incomparable drawing is seen to advantage in this picture, and his inexhaustible minuteness is not at all inconsistent with breadth. In thus praising the picture we have praised the engraving which does ample justice to its world of details, its simplicity and homogeneity. The reputation of M. J. Jacquet, great as it was among Meissonier's translators, is enhanced by this exquisite example, in which we have failed to detect a fault. The remarques are busts of the engraver, Napoleon I., and, distinct with his bi-forked beard, the painter.

'The Eve of Austerlitz' is the name of a capital picture by M. A. P. Dawant, representing, with much force and sympathy, poetic inspiration and technical power, Napoleon walking in the road near the field of battle and surrounded by his soldiers, who hold on high flaming and smoking torches and hail him with enthusiasm. The impressiveness of this work is due to a motive of late rarely used, the pathos of light and dark when poetically employed; it is so even where the chief figure, that of the general, is not of itself adequate to the occasion, while the face, on which the spectator's attention is mainly bent, seems, if not quite without emotion, below what one expects. However this may be, it is certain that

the general effect and design of M. Dawant's painting lend themselves to etching, especially when the etcher is so accomplished an artist as M. A. Lamotte. Accordingly the plate published by MM. Boussod, Valadon & Co. is an excellent reproduction in every respect. We have received a vellum proof (26½ in. by 17½ in.) with three remarques-a sentinel of the Old Guard, Napoleon seated in a chair, and the cocked hat of the petit Caporal. From the same firm come seven of their estampes miniatures, a category of small versions in photogravure of excellent pictures, now nearly five hundred in all, and serving as exact memoranda of their originals, among which, and now before us, are M. Bouguereau's 'La Vierge, l'Enfant Jésus, et St. J. Baptiste'; M. Metzmacher's 'Seule au Rendez-vous'; and M. A. Moreau's charming 'Le Retour du Marché,' a ferry boat and its passengers upon a calm river.

Jine-Brt Cossip.

We regret to hear that Sir Charles Newton died on Wednesday last. We are obliged to defer any further notice till next week.

Those who are interested in the art and archæology of Egypt will be glad to know that the Government, whilst holding itself free to carry out such works for the irrigation of the Nile Valley as may be found necessary, is not indifferent to the antiquities of the country. The survey of the Nubian Valley which has been proposed in connexion with the possible construction of a reservoir will, so far as the topography of that valley is concerned, be undertaken at once. By this means the position of temples, sites of towns, and other antiquities will all be set down and further investigation will be materially assisted.

Room XI. of the National Gallery is now reopened to the public. Here are hung the newly purchased pictures from Cassel and elsewhere, as well as the gifts of several generous persons, which have till now mostly occupied the Octagon Room. The opposite Room IV. contains the old German and Flemish pictures, and they undoubtedly look better than before. The five examples of Van Eyck are on a screen. They would have been better placed in a central group of works of that Flemish School of which they are most distinguished examples. The great Holbein group is grandly placed on the north wall. These arrangements, including the placing of the ancient tempera paintings in the vestibule on the top of the staircase, are due to Mr. Eastlake; when his scheme is developed we shall consider it as a whole. Mr. Poynter, who has been travelling in Italy for a considerable time past, is expected shortly to return, with, probably, some recent purchases intended for the Gallery.

THE annual meeting of the William Salt Archæological Society was held a few days ago, when Lord Wrottesley read a brief record of the work done by the society since its start in 1879. In fifteen years it has examined and made the needful extracts from the Pipe and other Rolls, and has compiled several separate parish histories. It has a massed a number of pedigrees and records of particular Staffordshire families, and formed a collection of charters and other original documents, among them the Burton and Staffordshire chartularies, and those of the priories of Ronton, Stone, St. Thomas, and Trentham, and of the family of Chetwynd. It has revised and reissued the various heraldic visitations of the county, and it has printed the catalogue of the muniments of Lichfield Cathedral. It intends to produce a series of parish histories, on a plan of which particulars will be given later.

MR. T. N. MacLean, whose death we briefly recorded last week, was the son of an engineer, born at Deptford in November, 1845, and eduit's

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cated partly in London, partly in a Paris lycée. Having shown considerable artistic aptitude, he became a pupil in the Lambeth School for Drawing, which was then in the charge of Mr. In due time he became a chaser, and worked for Messrs. Storr & Mortimer, then worked for Messrs. Storr & Mortimer, then leading silversmiths of London. Desiring to complete his studies in Paris, MacLean went there again and put himself under the instruction of MM. Carrier-Belleuse, and later under M. Salmson, for whom he for some time acted as a leading assistant, and also with M. Gaudez. After the entry of the Prussians into Paris in 1871, and before the insurrection of the Commune, MacLean came to London once more, produced several busts and statuonce more, produced several busts and statu-ettes, and competed for and won a commis-sion to execute several works for the Horticul-tural Gardens, Kensington. He now ex-hibited, for the first time, at the Academy 'La Réprimande,' and next, in 1873, two works, 'Science' and 'Art,' symbolical statuettes, the earliest of a number in which the artist expressed his preference for a higher, more cultured, and severer kind of design than is usually affected nowadays. From this time forwards he was represented at Burlington House, Suffolk Street, and elsewhere in London and the provinces. Among his works were 'Ione' and 'The Finding of Moses.' In 1877 he was in Florence, where he executed a large and ambitious group in marble, the design of which was suggested by the chief the design of which was suggested by the chief element of Mr. Alma Tadema's picture of the 'Spring Festival.' This group has been exhibited in Paris and London as well as when it appeared in 1885 with MacLean's collected works, where we criticized it, in the gallery of Messrs. Bellman & Ivey, Piccadilly. It occupied three winters, and is now, we are informed, the property of Dr. Dyce Brown. In due course MacLean produced for Calcutta a statue of Kristo Das Pal; for Rangoon a similar work commemorating Sir A. Phayre; and for Ballarat a statue of Mr. P. Lalor. His nearly completed design of 'Sappho's Last Appeal' will probably be seen in London next season.

Messas. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on the 24th ult. the following pictures:—Tilborch, The Fair at Antwerp, 105l. Corot, Early Morning, 147.

Each month's issue of the Portfolio for 1895 will consist of a monograph, according to the practice adopted a year ago. The subjects will be 'Holbein,' by Sir F. Burton; 'Turner in Switzerland,' by Mr. A. W. Hunt; 'Velazquez,' by Mr. W. Armstrong; 'Whitehall,' by the Rev. W. J. Loftie; 'Watteau,' by Mr. Claude Phillips; 'The Dulwich Gallery,' by Mr. Humphry Ward; 'Sir J. E. Millais,' by Mr. F. G. Stephens, whose monograph on Sir E. B. Jones has been unavoidably postponed for a short time; 'Japanese Engraving,' by Prof. Anderson; 'Raphael,' by Mrs. J. Cartwright; 'Claude,' by Mr. G. Grahame; and 'W. Blake,' by Dr. Garnett.

THE excavations at Delphi have been suspended; they will be resumed in the spring.

Mr. George F. Black, Assistant Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh, who has in preparation a work dealing with 'Scottish Charms and Amulets,' will be grateful to any one for information of such Scottish charms or amulets as have not hitherto been described.

MUSIC

THE WEEK.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—Saturday Concerts.
QUEEN'S HALL.—Herr Felix Mottl's Wagner Concert.
Sr. James's Hall.—Herr Emil Sauer's Recital.

THE subscribers to the Crystal Palace Concerts could not complain because the programme of last Saturday's performance

was to some extent rearranged, in order to make it commemorative of Rubinstein. The selection from the works of the deceased was certainly not unduly lengthy nor injudicious. Though he sought to win fame rather as a composer than as a pianist, and was very prolific in the former capacity, it is mainly in his smaller efforts for pianoforte and in his songs that he was most charming, though occasionally he was successful in the larger forms of composition, as, for example, in the Pianoforte Concerto in D minor, No. 4, which Miss Adelina de Lara rendered with intelligence, if not with much power. The charming young pianist also played in an acceptable manner the deceased master's Romance in E flat, and the more widely known Valse Caprice in the same key. Mr. Santley gave the effective songs 'Der Asra' and "Es blinkt der Thau"; and the Rubinstein selection was completed by the Overture to the deceased master's first Russian opera 'Dimitri Donskoi,' produced in 1852. The 'Dimitri Donskoi,' produced in 1852. The overture was played under the composer's direction at the Crystal Palace in April, 1877. It is a vigorous, rugged, and, on the whole, rather tragic piece; but the conclusion has the air of triumph. It was a matter of coincidence that the symphony was Beethoven's 'Eroica,' but no more appropriate work for the occasion could have been selected. Wagner's Overture to 'Die Meistersinger' completed the pro-

Perfect artistic and popular success again crowned Herr Felix Mottl's efforts at the third of the Wagner Concerts organized by Mr. Schulz Curtius, on Tuesday evening. The programme was interesting and well contrasted. It included the Overture to the Bayreuth master's early opera 'Die Feen,' which has never been heard in this country. It is a bright piece, not altogether well constructed, perhaps, but the themes are engaging, and some of them anticipatory, so to speak, of 'Der Fliegende Holländer' and 'Tannhäuser.' Wagner was further represented by the Vorspiel to 'Die Meistersinger' and the Vorspiel and a por-tion of the third act from 'Parsifal.' The latter included the "Charfreitag" and "Verwandlung" music, Herr Birrenkoven being Parsifal and Mr. Plunket Greene Gurnemanz. The last-named artist was admirable, but Herr Birrenkoven's German method did not wholly commend itself to his listeners. In the "Lenz-lied" from 'Die Walkure' he lacked tenderness, but he gave, on the whole, an impressive rendering of Lohengrin's legend. Berlioz's brilliant overture 'Carnaval Romain' and Liszt's picturesque symphonic poem 'Mazeppa' completed the programme, the whole of which was magnificently executed so far as regards Herr Mottl's orchestra. He must pay us another visit at the earliest opportunity.

Musicians who listen to the performances of Herr Emil Sauer might be puzzled if they were asked to give a direct reply to the question as to whether he should be characterized as an artist or as a virtuoso. Judging from his first series of pianoforte recitals at St. James's Hall, the third of which took place on Thursday afternoon, he cannot be distinctly classified. He was not heard to the fullest advantage in Beethoven's so-called 'Sonata Appassionata,'

his rendering of which lacked breadth and virility; but his magnificent technique in Brahms's Scherzo in E flat minor, Op. 4; Chopin's Fantasia in F minor, Op. 49; Raff's Rigaudon, Op. 204, No. 3; and a 'Valse Impromptu' of Liszt, must have convinced intelligent listeners that Herr Sauer is an executant of no ordinary calibre. It is to be regretted that he finished his recital with Liszt's wretched paraphrase of Wagner's 'Tannhäuser' Overture, a transcription destitute of intrinsic value.

VARIOUS CONCERTS.

The Royal Choral Society's performance of 'Israel in Egypt' on Thursday eveninglast week in the Albert Hall was noteworthy for the decision with which the choruses were attacked, and the distinct enunciation of the text. It is evidently useless to protest further against the rendering of the duet "The Lord is a man of war" by four hundred tenors and basses, so the matter may as well be dropped. Sir Joseph Barnby conducted, as usual, and the principal vocalists were Miss Anna Williams, Miss M. Hoare, Miss Clara Butt, and Mr. Edward Lloyd.

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Madame Else Mathis, a former pupil of Kullak and Liszt, created a favourable impression at a pianoforte recital she gave at the Queen's Hall on Friday afternoonlast week. Her playing in items by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, and other composers was marked by refinement, and Madame Mathis may be said to have won considerable commendation from her audience. She is an intelligent artist, and will be heard again with pleasure.

The first of Mr. Boosey's London Ballad Concerts was given last Saturday afternoon at the Queen's Hall, where the whole of the series will take place this season. Four new songs were included in the programme, the most agreeable being 'Other Days,' by Felix Corbett, sung by Miss Evangeline Florence, and 'By Mr. Edward Lloyd. Among the other artists who appeared were Mlle. Chaminade, Miss Gertrude Izard, Miss Clara Butt, Madame Belle Cole, Miss Dale, Mr. Plunket Greene, Mr. Maybrick, and Mr. Norman Salmond. Mr. Eaton Faning's select choir rendered some unaccompanied part music with excellent effect.

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The Popular Concerts of Saturday and Monday last do not require much notice. On the former occasion the concerted works were Mozart's Quintet in a minor, and Rubinstein's Sonata in p for pianoforte and violoncello, Op. 18, Madame Haas being the pianist and Mr. Whitehouse the violoncellist. The firstnamed artist played Chopin's Fantasia in p minor, Op. 49, with refinement. Of the qualities of Miss Florence Lenton as a soprano vocalist we should prefer to speak on another occasion. On Monday evening what may be called a quiet programme was offered, the concerted works being Mozart's Quartet in p, known as No. 8; Brahms's Sonata in a for piano and violin, Op. 78; and Chopin's Introduction and Polonaise in a for pianoforte and violoncello, Op. 3, well played by Madame Haas and Mr. Whitehouse. Madame Haas, however, must be blamed for introducing a transcription of Bach's great Organ Prelude and Fugue in a minor. These perversions should not be permitted at the Popular Concerts. Miss Florence Christie displayed her well-trained mezzo-soprano voice to much advantage in three songs.

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Miss Lennox Browne, a promising young vocalist, who gave a miscellaneous concert on Monday evening in the Steinway Hall, took only a modest part in the programme, but rendered two songs—'The Three Singers,' by Berthold Tours, and 'Life,' by Blumenthal—with much artistic feeling and clear enunciation of the words, so that her future in popular

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favour should be secured, provided that she continues her studies with assiduity. Miss Lennox Browne was supported by several well-known artists, among whom were Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Mary Chatterton, Mr. Bernhard Carrodus, Mr. Orlando Harley, and Mr. Franklie Clieve. lin Clive.

Wednesday's concerts were numerous, but do not require to be treated at length. The second of the new St. James's Hall Ballad Concerts was again remarkable for the general excellence of its programme, and it is significant that the instrumental selections contributed by M. Slivinski, M. Johannes Wolff, and M. Josef Hollman gained, perhaps, the greatest applause of the afternoon. Miss Lily Hanbury repeated her impressive recital of Victor Hugo's tragic ballad 'The Trumpeter's Betrothed' with M. Francis Thome's effective musical accompaniment; and among the other artists who took part in the concert were Miss Ella Russell, Miss Kate Cove, Miss Alice Gomez, Madame Sterling, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Harrison Brockbank, and Signor Foli.

Messrs. Harrison's concert in the evening at the Albert Hall, at which Madame Patti appeared, was of the usual pattern. The artist was in beautiful voice, and was most successful, was in beautiful voice, and was most successful, artistically speaking, in Elizabeth's Prayer from 'Tannhäuser.' Madame Amy Sherwin, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Santley, Mr. John Williams, Mile. Marie Dubois (who is an agreeable pianist), and Herr David Popper gave effective assistance in the programme. There was no orchestra, but Mr. Wilhelm Ganz was a very able accompanist.

The first concert of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society was given on Wednesday evening at the Queen's Hall, under the direction of Mr. George Mount. Fairly good performof Mr. George Mount. Fairly good performances were secured of Beethoven's Symphony in B flat, No. 4, and Humperdinck's Prelude to 'Hänsel und Gretel.' Miss Ada Brodie played Signor Li Calsi's Pianoforte Concerto in c minor, and Miss Louise Nanney (an excellent violinist) and Mrs. Helen Trust took part in the entertainment.

Also on Wednesday evening a concert was given at the Imperial Institute by students of the Royal Academy of Music. Miss G. Collins and Miss E. E. Byford gave a highly commendable rendering of Bach's Concerto in D minor for two violing. Two part-source from Dr. A. C. for two violins. Two part-songs from Dr. A. C. Mackenzie's incidental music to Mr. Buchanan's drama 'The Bride of Love,' written for female voices with accompaniments for harps, flutes, cymbals, and triangle, constituted another successful feature of the concert.

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THE directors of the Carl Rosa Opera Company have concluded an arrangement with Sir Arthur Sullivan for the performance of the revised version of his opera 'Ivanhoe.' It will be produced at the Court Theatre, Liverpool, early in the new year, and subsequently in all the towns visited by the company.

RUMOURS are afloat concerning a London season of the Carl Rosa Opera Company next spring, but nothing at present can be regarded as settled.

DR. HUBERT PARRY must, of course, bewarmly congratulated on his appointment as the Director of the Royal College of Music, and the institution itself is fortunate in having secured such an able successor to Sir George Grove. We sincerely trust, however, that his new duties will not hamper Dr. Hubert Parry in his work as a composer. Academic details might well be entrusted to one far less gifted than the musician who penned the 'De Profundis,' 'Judith,' 'Job,' and 'King Saul.'

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All connected with that case that was not mysterious was pitiful. Nothing was there on which romance could seize or with which imagination would care to concern itself. The exercise of very little pains would have enabled the writer to avoid all charge of indiscretion without in the least enfeebling his play. The subject of 'The Wife of Dives' is the contest between two women for a man. That it won a favourable reception is due to the vigour with which the principal characters were played. A scene of seduction in the first act constitutes the strongest portion, and was given by Miss Olga Brandon with a sensuous witchery that carried all before it. The quasi-tragic emotion of the following scenes was also finely expressed by one of the subtlest and most alluring actresses our stage can boast. Mr. Glenney, too, played the hero with a fierceness, concentration, and passion that prove our managers unwise in not seizing upon him. Mr. Anson has done nothing better than the money-lending husband of the heroine. Miss Carlotta Addison, Mr. Cosmo Stuart, and Mr. Cecil Ramsey gave clever pictures of comic characters; but Miss Florence Friend walked through the part of Cecily, the ingénue, in a fashion that almost compromised the fortunes of the piece.

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